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Nudes travel fast

Ladies and gentleman started their naked engines for the Bay to Breakers race May 16. For more photos of naked people, see page three

Shanti To Quit **Housing PWAs**

by Jeff Fast

The beleaguered Shanti

The beleaguered Shanti Project is being stripped of all its government-sponsored housing contracts, and by October 1 will no longer provide residences to PWAs.

In addition, the Bay Area Reporter has learned that the organization is losing its Shanti House at 1540 Market Street. At least \$2.2 million of the agency's government contracts will be given to a different agency or divided among several AIDS service providers during the next four months.

viders during the next four months.

A formal announcement concerning the dissolvement of the agency's 144-bed housing program will be made on Monday, May 24, by San Francisco AIDS Office Director Mitchell Katz at an HIV Planning Council meeting.

"Based on the decision of our office in working with the Shanti Board, Shanti is not the right agency to hold onto these housing contracts," said Katz, in a BA.R. interview. "This decision is based on two issues. First, Shanti is not in the best position as an agency to have a large number of housing contracts. They are difficult to administer and require a large cash flow. It is our professional opinion they are not the right agency." agency

Clients of the agency will not lose their homes and the transition to new agencies will be made as smoothly as possible, according to Katz.

"Shanti housing clients will not be forced to move; the contracts will go to other agencies," Katz said. "What

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Barney Frank Says 'Let's Compromise'

by Robert Shepard

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Representative Barney Frank, (D-Massachusetts), acknowledging that Congress is unlikely to lift the outright ban on gays in the military, endorsed a compromise plan on May 18 that would allow gays to follow their own lifestyle during off-duty hours without fear of punishment. fear of punishment.

under the "don't ask, don't tell" proposal, gays would not acknowledge or talk about their sexual preference during duty hours on military installations, said Frank, one of only two openly gay men.

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"That's the proposal that I will be urging the Pentagon to deal with. It is not the current policy, because I think the current policy leaves people unduly vulnerable," Frank told a news conference.

If accepted all around, the compromise could provide relief for President Clinton, who has been widely criticized for trying to fulfill his campaign promise of lifting

campaign promise of lifting the ban on gays in the mili-

Many members of Congress and top military officials oppose lifting the ban, and Frank said that if the is-

The compromise policy would say that "on base, and on duty and in uniform, out of deference to what the military leadership says about the degree of prejudice there,

gay men and lesbians will gay men and lesbians will make the sacrifice — unlike anybody else — of not talking about it. On the other hand, off-base, off-duty, on their own time, they will be allowed without fear of any punishment to express their individuality and their personality."

individuality and their personality."

Frank predicted that after three or four years of operating under such a policy, "it will turn out there was less prejudice and less fear than some of the military leaders thought, and it may be that people will have to be less rigid about that kind of onduty, off-duty separation."

Frank noted that under the military's current policy, many gays have been discharged, not because of their on-duty behavior but because

charged, not because of their on-duty behavior but because they were discovered in off-duty situations to be gay.

The compromise proposal "is not what I would prefer politically. It is, however, what I think is the best accommodation given political reality today," Frank said.

"I think it meets the argument that the non-bigoted members of the military have put forward and it substantially improves the lives of gay men and lesbians," he said. "It does not achieve everything I think we should achieve."

Frank acknowledged that

Frank acknowledged that some gay groups favor a total lifting of the ban and are angry at his position. That was demonstrated earlier when members of a militant gay



Representative Barney Frank

group staged a protest outside his Capitol Hill office. At the news conference Frank explained his position, Frank explained his position, saying, "I'm willing to say, yes, given the prejudice, discomfort, whatever you call it ... given the way people feel about being in close quarters with people they know to be gay and lesbian, I'm prepared to say okay, we will suspend that part of it. We will say that people will not bring that up. But if off-base somebody decides to invade your privacy you shouldn't be victimized by it."

"I think that is a policy

ized by it."

"I think that is a policy which is reasonable, which accommodates the military's concern. The military's concern is 'Look, we just don't want people to have to confront the fact that they know these people.' The people then have to behave themselves on duty," he said. "And if off-duty you get yourself arrested in you get yourself arrested in some brawl, then yeah, you're in trouble." ▼

[For reactions to the proposed compromise, see page 18]

First of Two Sections

SF Suicide Workshop Planned

by Jeff Fast

Unprecedented workshops to teach people effective methods of committing suicide are scheduled to occur in San Francisco next month, the Bay Area Reporter has learned

are scheduled to tech month, the Bay Area Reporter has learned.

Derek Humphries, author of the controversial best-selling suicide manual Final Exit, is scheduled to appear in the Castro on June 17 and 18 to lecture about how — and how not to — commit suicide. The event is being organized by the local chapter of the Hemlock Society. A specific location in the Castro has not yet been announced for the workshops, which are said to be the first of their kind anywhere in the country.

Euthanasia will be the next major civil rights issue to embroil the gay and lesbian community, predicted members of several freethought organizations who gathered in San Francisco last weekend for a symposium on secular humanism. The basis of the prediction is a widespread belief that many PWAs are committing suicide during the late stages of AIDS.

"The religious right is losing focus on abortion," said Jay Martin, president of the Humanist Community in San Francisco, in a Bay Area Reporter interview. "The new

Francisco, in a Bay Area Reporter interview. "The new target is gays in the military and gay civil rights. Before too long, the right-to-die is going to become part of this."

Stephen Jameson, president of the San Francisco chapter of Hemlock Society, told the B.A.R. that many

told the B.A.R. that many PWAs are attempting, and failing, suicide attempts, resulting in severe and unneccessary physical agony.
"We've seen too many botched attempts," Jameson said. "People need to plan their deaths thoughtfully and carefully. This is why we need to bring this issue out of the closet."

During the sessions with Humphries, terminally ill people and their loved ones will have the opportunities to ask

have the opportunities to ask (Continued on page 11,

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Community News

Jordan Press Rep: \$56M in Health Cuts Won't 'Critically Affect' Lives

by Dennis Conkin

The \$56 million in cuts ordered for the Health Department's proposed \$624 million budget "will not critically affect" patients' lives, a spokesperson for Mayor Frank Jordan said this week.

"Obviously, Ineither] the mayor not appose else wants

mayor nor anyone else wants to see people die because of a lack of services," Jordan's press secretary Noah Griffin told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

Griffin defended the may-

or against charges by doctors at San Francisco General Hospital that Jordan's propos-al to cut half of SFGH's annual to cut half of SFGH's annu-al outpatient visits a year would lead to the deaths of poor and indigent patients whose medical conditions could worsen because of a lack of care.

Griffin said that Jordan was interested in seeing statistics to back up claims made by Dick Fein, M.D., former chief of staff at San Francisco

General Hospital, and others. Fein and other physicians at San Francisco General testified before the Health Commission last week in opposi-tion to Scenario V, a proposal for cuts made by Health De-partment Director Ray Bax-ter based on Jordan's call for deeper cuts in the Health De-partment budget.

"If the statistics are at variance with the statistics were seeing from Ray Baxter, we will take a look at that," Griffin told the B.A.R.

Baxter has proposed a 25 percent reduction in Health Department primary care services, including the reduction of acute care beds at San Francisco General Hospital; reduction of skilled nursing beds at Largus Hospital beds at Laguna Honda Hospital; and a 30 percent reduc-



Mayor Frank Jordan

tion in outpatient mental health and substance abuser services, including services for injection drug users.

"These cuts are extremely painful and will result in thousands of individuals no longer receiving services.
Nonetheless, they represent
our best professional judgment about what can be done, given the grave circum-stances," Baxter testified to the Health Commission.

Griffin said that Jordan is faced with a \$188 million budget deficit, and that the Health Department has the largest budget of any department in San Francisco and that "ad hominem" attacks on Jordan are "unfortunate and shortsighted."

Jordan has been forced to make \$500 million in cuts because of budget woes over the last 15 months — more than any mayor in the city's histo-ry, according to Griffin. He also noted that Jordan has held an unprecedented nine community meetings through-out San Francisco in recent weeks, for citizens to discuss budget concerns.

Griffin told the B.A.R. Griffin told the B.A.K. that Jordan has considered every suggestion about revenue enhancement and ways to reduce city costs without further cuts in services, but said appeals to emotionalism "won't play this year, no matter how meritorious," because of the seriousness of the the seriousness of the

of the serious...

Griffin said that under the city charter, Jordan cannot tell city departments where to make budget reductions: the mayor can only set a dollar amount of required cuts, which are then made by the

which are then made by the department heads.
Griffin said that Jordan particularly wanted cuts to start at middle management levels and not at services.

The Health Department has eliminated 39 positions and downgraded nine others, for a total of 47 out of 210 senior and middle managers, to meet the goal of saving more than \$3.2 million.

Baxter has also proposed he and other Health Department executives take a 5 persons.

he and other Health Department executives take a 5 percent voluntary pay cut; that Health Department employees be charged \$85 a month in parking fees; and that annual cost of living increases for community service organizations be eliminated.

Baxter currently makes more than \$100,000 a year as Health Department director. The Health Commission approved Baxter's proposed budget and forwarded it to Jordan on May 11.

AIDS Candlelight Vigil Announced

by Dennis Conkin

The Tenth Annual AIDS memorial Candlelight Vigil will be held of May 23 in cities throughout the world, to commemorate those who are living with the disease, as well as those who have died of it.

The San Francisco vigil will begin with a silent vigil from Castro and Market to City Hall at 8 p.m.

An estimated 10,000 people are expected to turn out for the vigil, according to Paul Boneberg, executive director of Mobilization Against AIDS the sponsor of the anset AIDS, the sponsor of the annual memorial.

Similar commemorations will be held in cities around the United States and more than 100 cities around the world, Boneberg told the Bay

world, Boneberg told the Bay Area Reporter. Boneberg said there is still no word whether first lady Hillary Clinton will partici-

pate in the event, as did her predecessor Barbara Bush. "We've been trying hard to get Mrs. Clinton to partici-pate, but to date we have not had an official response from the White House," Boneberg

said.

Boneberg said that he knows that the First Lady is "extremely sympathetic," and hopes that she will at least place lighted candles in the White House windows as a visible symbol and is hopeful that she may also issue a statement about the event.

Former first lady Barbara Bush placed lit candles in the White House windows to mark the occasion for the last three years of her husband's term as President.

According to Boneberg, other heads of state plan to participate in the vigil.

"In Dublin, Ireland, the President of Ireland will participate in an ecumenical services in Patrick's Services.

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That's never happened before
— and the heads of state of
New Zealand and Australia
will participate in the march.
It's become an important international event," he said.
Some of the more than 100
international cities that will

some of the more than 100 international cities that will mark the event include Prague, Czechoslovakia; Minsk, Belorussia; Zagreb, Croatia; Nicosia, Cyprus; Jakarta, Indonesia; Tokyo, Japan; Budapest, Hungary; and Bombay, Delhi, and Calcutta, India

A special focus of this year's event, Boneberg said, will be the commemoration of those living with HIV and AIDS who are in internment AIDS who are in internment camps, including the internment camp in the United States at the Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where more than 100 Haitian refugees with HIV or AIDS are held in confinement.

In Search of Naked Truth

Police on each side of the Bay got an opportunity to interpret California nudity laws this weekend when the X-Plicit Players, a performing arts group, staged a Nude Freedom March in Berkeley Saturday, and a nude centipede entered the Bay to Breakers Run Sunday, surprising nearly everyone, including police.

In San Francisco, the race, unlike any other serious competitive race in the world, is also an event with true California color, combining outrageous urban creativity with a healthy appreciation of out-door life "au natural." Where door life "au natural." Where else in the world could one find a centipede of parking meters competing with an Olympic runner? For a few free spirits, however, sun screen was not enough, as San Francisco police arrested 4 naked men and 2 naked women for "disorderly conduct."

duct."
Public Information Officer
Dave Ambrose told the Bay
Area Reporter, "They were
cited under a San Francisco
park code violation stating, in
part, that 'no person shall in
any park without permission
of the Park Department expose his or her genitals pubany park without permission of the Park Department expose his or her genitals, public hair, buttocks, perineum, anus or public hair region or any portion of female breast at or or below the aureola. Arrests were made in response to numerous complaints from people who were upset that their children were exposed to this."

According to Ambrose, there was no active effort planned to enforce this section. He added, "We had complaints throughout the whole race, and it was unreasonable to send police officers into the crowd to make a non-threat-

crowd to make a non-threat-ening misdemeanor arrest. That's why we waited until the finish." Those arrested were cited to appear in court June 17.

Meanwhile, across the bay...

On the other side of the bay, in Berkeley, police were not surprised when naked members of X-Plicit players were joined by onlookers who took off their clothes and made human sculptures on the lawn of Provo-MLK Park during the First Amendment during the First Amendment Festival held this weekend to protest restrictions on free-speech at UC-Berkeley. Ap-proximately ten demonstra-tors reveled in the warm af-ternoon sun, generously applying sunscreen, singing nude freedom songs and dancing on a large blanket comprised of the words, Freedom of Speech, while photographers crowded in snapping close-ins close-ups.

close-ups.

"We don't have a special ordinance covering nudity," said Lieutenant Tom Grant, Press Information Officer for the Berkeley Police Department, "We rely on the penal code. Case law interpretations require that more than just showing be done. The local district attorney has given an opinion that there has to be calling attention to the genitals by handling, touching or showing in some way."

Berkeley police Sergeant

Berkeley police Sergeant S. Fleming was on hand to

observe the activities for a while, and when she deter-mined that arrests were not called for, explained, "Nudity in California is not illegal. The California Supreme Court handed down its decision that nudity in itself is not

illegal."

When asked if it is a matter of community standards, she replied "No, it has nothing to do with that. It has to ing to do with that. It has to do with the actual behaviors."
Debbie Moore, head of X-Plicit Players, noted that part of the purpose of the event is to clarify the difference between lewd behavior and touch that is pude and level.

tween lewd behavior and touch that is nude and legal. A male member of the troupe added that it's illegal for men to show an erection in public.
One of Moore's songs, the "Breast Freedom Song," calls attention to another difference in the way men's and women's bodies are viewed, singing "Everybody has a breast, Equal by law to be undressed, A breast is just a dressed, A breast is just a

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X-Plicit Players participate in Berkeley Nude In.

Women's Health Care Forum This Thursday

by Dennis Conkin

A forum on the status of women's health care services in San Francisco will be held May 20 from 7-9 p.m., at the Women's Building, located at

May 20 from 7.9 p.m., at the Women's Building, located at 3543 18th Street.

The forum is tongue-incheekily entitled "The Status of Women's Health Care Services in San Francisco: Comatose?" and will address vital health care issues impacting local women, including ways to increase funding for breast cancer research and low-cost prevention services; domestic violence; substance abuse; and chronic diseases such as Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome Disorder, cancer, and AIDS.

A discussion on ways to provide lesbian- and bisexual-sensitive health care will also be part of the forum.

Specialists in local women's health, including the Lyon-Martin Women's Health.

en's health, including the Lyon-Martin Women's Health Center's Executive Director Marj Plumb, will describe the

city budget progress for women's health programs and explain how people can become advocates for such services.

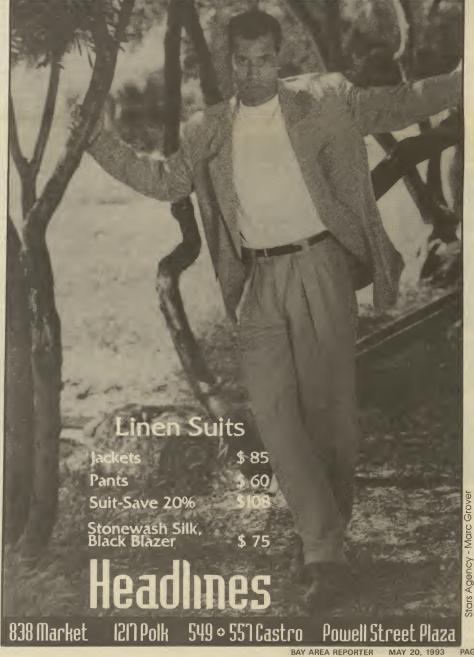
Lisa Stanley, the community liaison for Iris Center, will explain the agency's multicultural and lesbian-sensitive substance abuse and mental health programs.

health programs.

Deborah Lee, of the CFIDS
Foundation, will discuss the disease and and how it impacts women and lesbians speci-

Women and the clude Melissa Marsh of the AIDS in Youth Advocacy Project and Bonnie Wheatley of the Women in Cancer Pro-

ject.
The forum is presented by the Women's Health Committee of the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Democratic Club and "will serve as a starting point to form a working group of people who want to improve women's health services in the city," said Katie Dwight, a spokesperson for the committee. ▼



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Community News

Housing

we are saying is that we will work with Shanti to move the

services to another provider."
Shanti Project has not been officially notified of the AIDS Office's decision to disband the housing project, said Communication Director Peter Cassels. Interim Executive Director Paul Lambros did not return calls for this arti-

On Monday, May 17, four days after the B.A.R. was first notified by an AIDS Office staff member of the decision to strip Shanti of its housing contracts, the agency issued a press release an-nouncing it would continue to provide housing services, a position it has reiterated in recent newspaper advertise-

ments.
"Perhaps the point of con-"Perhaps the point of confusion is because we have not yet been notified of any decisions by the AIDS Office or what Dr. Katz plans to say at Monday's meeting," said Cassels, in a B.A.R. interview. "We have not been made aware of a final decision."

aware of a final decision."

Sources inside the health department have told the B.A.R. that the AIDS Office has only begun considering what agencies might be willing or able to oversee Shanti's programs, and a decision could be several weeks away.

The \$2.2 million worth of government contracts Shanti is losing represents more than

s losing represents more than 40 percent of its \$5.3 million budget. The contracts include long-term housing, such as Shanti House, around-the-clock care for PWAs with dementia, subsidies for PWAs to find their own housing, housing for families and individuals to live alone, a housing resource network, and the recruitment and training of volunteers who work with volunteers who Shanti residents.

The Shanti Project has been under public scrutiny since March, when the AIDS Office issued an audit that re-Office issued an audit that revealed the agency had mis-managed at least \$2.7 million worth of contracts during the 1991-1992 fiscal year. Soon after the audit became public, Shanti's executive director, assistant director, and board of directors president resigned. The bulk of the mismanagement concerned bilsigned. The bulk of the mis-management concerned bil-ling the AIDS Office for ser-vices that either didn't exist or weren't being performed, and failing to collect and document rent received from

At least 25 of Shanti's 76 paid employees will either lose their jobs altogether or



Mayor Jordan and Shanti's Ramon Matos cut the ribbon to open Shanti House last November

have a new employer by October 1, due to the housing program transfer. Cassels said he is hopeful that whatever agency or agencies get the contracts will hire the former Shanti staff.

"We had been told that if we lost our housing contracts, then the AIDS Office would try to absorb the housing program into one single agency

try to absorb the housing program into one single agency and recommend hiring the same staff," said Cassells.

The Shanti Project staff that does not work in housing could also be facing layoffs. The current financial scandal has cost the agency hundreds of thousands of dollars in fundraising revenues. Nonprofit organizatons project their budget at the beginning of each fiscal year based on fundraising projections, and Shanti is downsizing its projected a budget for the current fiscal year of \$6.0 million. In March, the figure was downsized to \$5.6 million and again to \$5.3 million earlier this month.

this month.

Shanti annually receives more than 100 bequeaths and corporate and foundation grants that total more than \$500,000. Without providing housing services, it will no longer meet the requirements for many of these grants. The agency also received \$575,000 in contributions from the United Way last year. The United Way still contributes, but people who donate designate the charities of nate designate the charities of their choice, and later this year the organization may or may not be in for a gigantic loss from this funding source.
Shanti became famous for

the housing it provides to PWAs. Now it is losing that program along with 40 percent of the budget and a third of the staff. It is an organization in debt, in a fundraising crisis, and in court. Still, it will remain a mammoth insti-tution among the city's AIDS service providers. The agency

will retain more than \$900,000 in government contracts to provide counseling, trans-portation, informational and recreational services. While fundraising is in deep trouble, many individual and corpo-rate contributors have re-mained loyal. Shanti is not

dead.
"I haven't done the math yet," said Cassels. "But even without the housing we would have much more than half of everything in place."
While Cassels said that Shanti was unsure if it would less the housing regent the

lose the housing program, the organization has, for several weeks, been preparing for the worst. Changes are occurring in the housing program, and some residents suspect it is because Shanti doesn't want to be further embarassed during the transition to new orga-

nizations.
Shanti residents, who have Shanti residents, who have complained in previous B.A.R. articles about problems with general maintenence, said these conditions have improved. Doors and windows are being fixed, and toiletries and pharmacuticals are being supplied on time.

A resident, who asked the B.A.R. that he not be identi-A resident, who asked the B.A.R. that he not be identified, said the housing staff has been extremely grumpy and is on a witch hunt to identify and evict drug users. He said they are asking residents to name other residents that smoke marijuana in their bedrooms. The AIDS Office does not interfer with the drug. not interfere with the drug policies of organizations, but the federal government can seize the property of an orga-nization where a drug law is violated.

Richard Gillestie, a Shanti resident from 1986 to 1990, said in a B.A.R. interview that it was common for people to smoke marijuana in their bedrooms. The staff has always ignored anything but flagrant drug use until now, he said, out of compassion for the PWA.

Naked

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breast on any body. Let them

be top-freeeee."

Observing those parameters, Moore paired naked with clothed partners, gleaned from the surrounding crowd, and led participants in playing consciousness-raising, touching games.

touching games.

Andrew Martinez, well-known in Berkeley as "the nude guy," arrived on his bicycle clothed, but soon stripped down to join in the fun. Moore credits Martinez, who was suspended from the

University of California for going to classes naked, as being an inspiration for the work of X-Plicit Players. The group faces trial September 13th, following arrest for doffing their clothes during a performance piece at U.C.'s formance piece at U.C.'s Sproul Plaza on November

Sproul Plaza on November 17th of last year.
Was this "just another Saturday afternoon in Berkeley?"
"I don't think so," responded Moore. "It seemed people felt involved by just watching. It was as if people moved toward us as we marched. There was a warm tide of good feeling. I felt people good feeling. I felt people were very elated to see a crowd a block long walking

in mass to support our free-dom of expression." Perhaps that was why Tai-wanese visitor Serena Liang,

wanese visitor Serena Liang, speaking through an interpreter, said she wanted pictures to take home, just regular ones, showing how normal it is for people to be nude here on the streets.

Perhaps there is some truth in the words of another Debbie Moore song, which goes "We're standing up in Berkeley, our bodies out to march and play. We're naked out in Berkeley, naked and free in every way. And nobody can take the free life, That we live and love away."

Shanti Set To Sue Auditors, Asks for a Year To Repay \$

by Dennis Conkin and Jeff Fast

Shanti Project wants a year to repay \$311,000 it owes the city, has hired a prestigious law firm to represent the non-profit agency in re-covering the funds, and says it has insurance to cover the

debt — maybe.
The cash owed to the city represents unauthorized ex penditures that were made from \$2.7 million the agency from \$2.7 million the agency received in contracts to provide housing service to 150 people with AIDS for the 1991-92 fiscal year. According to Shanti Project interim Executive Director Paul Lambros, the figure is only preliminary.

A clearer picture of just where Shanti spent the money will emerge when an independent financial audit by Coopers and Lybrand due in

Coopers and Lybrand, due in the Health Department's AIDS Office by October 1, is completed. Shanti must also submit budget reconciliations for all city contracts, includ-ing funds provided for its emotional and practical support and transportation services, to the AIDS office by

"We have instituted en-hanced financial controls in-cluding additional computers, cluding additional computers, new accounting software, and experienced financial personnel," Shanti Board of Directors Chair-Elect Doug Holloway wrote to AIDS Office Director Mitchell Katz, in a letter jointly signed with outgoing chair Gayling Gee.

Holloway said in the letter that the Shanti board has met with its former auditors and has received workpapers re-

with its former auditors and has received workpapers related to their audit of the 1992-93 fiscal year.

Holloway, chair of the AIDS Service Providers Network, a Wells Fargo Bank executive, and former chair of the Shanti board, replaced Gee as chair two weeks am Gee as chair two weeks ago.
Holloway is credited with

saving the agency during a crisis in the mid-1980s when Jim Geary, the agency's for-mer executive director, was

forced to resign after the city threatened to pull its funding of the agency because of concerns about management and quality of service.

Although the agency has launched a public relations program to "reactivate donor giving," Holloway said the agency will not ask the public to foot the bill for the money.

to foot the bill for the money.
"As you know, we are aggressively pursuing our rights against our former accountant," Holloway wrote Katz.
"Furthermore, we have insurance which we believe will provide coverage for the recovery of the amounts in question."

The agency's former accounting firm, Antonini Professional Services, billed Shanti Project \$16,000 for a first project \$16,000 for a firs

fessional Services, billed Shanti Project \$16,000 for a financial records audit it conducted for the 1991-92 fiscal year, but apparently failed to conduct an appropriate audit. Shanti originally claimed to the AIDS office that it did not have the financial experience to treat how it seems that

tise to track how it spent city funds by department, but lat-er submitted records to the department indicating it did have the capability, despite its earlier claim.

Critics charge the funds in question were used to inappropriately pay salaries and administrative costs within the agency and not on hous-

ing program services. Shanti spokesman Peter Shanti spokesman reter Cassells told the Bay Area Reporter that he "was unable to comment" on the matter beyond a press statement issued on May 14, and referred questions to attorney Martin Fineman of Brobeck, Phleger, and Harrison and Harrison.

and Harrison.

Fineman, however, told the B.A.R. that "the policy of the organization is to route calls through the authorized spokesperson" and referred calls about possible legal action or how it intends to retion or how it intends to re-coup the funds to Cassells, who then declined to com-

ment further.

The plan to replay the money within a year follows the April resignations of Shanti's Executive Director Eric Rofes and Deputy Direc-tor Melinda Paras, shortly af-ter the AIDS Office released an audit of Shanti's eight

an audit of Snant's eight housing service contracts.

The audit revealed that during the 1991-92 fiscal year, Shanti mis-spent city funds and charged the Health Department for housing that partment for housing that was not in use or didn't exist; charged clients 25 percent of their income as rent but failed to report the funds; and diverted \$160,000 of federal funds earmarked for the Housing Resource Network to other programs, in viola-tions of local state and federal regulations.
While Shanti can already

while Shanti can already lay claim to the largest finan-cial scandal involving an AIDS organization to ever oc-cur in San Francisco, the quagmire is still unresolved. The AIDS Office, after two and a half months of inquiry, is unable to determine exactly how much rent should have been received from clients. The organization's taxes for the fiscal year ending June, 1992, have still not been filed with the Internal Revenue

Thus far, a continuing audit into the \$2.7 million worth of mismanaged contracts has revealed that Shanti owes the city more than \$300,000. The agency, which has asked for a year to recompensate the money, does not have the sings to repay the debt.

Even if Shanti liquidated Even if Snanti riquidated all its property it would still be in debt. According to tax forms, inspected by the B.A.R., the resale value of all its property and equipment was \$103,000 as of June, 1991.

Someone has to pay

On Monday, Shanti announced in a press release that it will not solicit donations to repay the debt.

Cassels said that Shanti is hoping to get the money by winning litigation against Antonini. Th accounting firm charged Shanti almost \$16,000 for audits that investigators said violated federal guide lines for accounting pro-cedures. It is uncertain how much of Shanti's mismanagement would have been caught if the audit had been performed correctly.

Under federal liability Under federal liability laws, otherwise known as Tort, an entity deemed only one percent responsible for fiscal mismanagement can be liable for 100 percent of monetary damages. In other words, because Shanti Project is financially insolvent, Antonini Professional Corporation may end up naving all tonini Professional Corpora-tion may end up paying all money the agency owes the city. However, the lawsuit could be litigated for several years and Shanti might lose. In which case, Cassels said he did not know what other av-enues Shanti would pursue to

repay the money.

The legal battle between
Shanti Project and its accounting firm may leave a bigger impact on San Francis-co than any work it has ever

accomplished for PWAs.
Accountants, lawyers, and
other professionals who have
charged for services or donated free services to AIDS organizations are now going to view these organizations as a liability risk, said Ed McFadden, a former employee of the San Francisco firm Harvey Rose Accountancy Corporation, in a B.A.R. interview. "There's going to be a whole lot of accountants that

are suddenly going to become too busy," said McFadden. "If they [Antonini Professional Corporation] fight it out in court and win, or are guilty, or settle out of court to avoid bad press, which is likely, non-profits everywhere are

non-profits everywhere are going to be sorely tarnished by this."

Founded in 1974 to care for people with terminal illness, Shanti Project began caring exclusively for people with AIDS in 1982.

Last month, more than 650 volunteers provided 7,000 hours of one-to-one practical and emotional support to people with AIDS and their loved one through Shanti's Volunteer Services Program.

The agency provides 150

The agency provides 150 people with AIDS housing through its housing service program.

The Newest Problem: Young Men and HIV

United Press International

San Francisco health officials released a study Tuesday, May 18, that showed an "alarming" number of young male residents are infected with HIV.

Dr. Mitchell Katz, head of the city's health department's

bit. Mitchell Rate, head of the city's health department's AIDS office, said the results showed that a lot of work needed to be done to prevent AIDS from spreading.

"The high rates of HIV in-

fection, especially among African-American youth, and the high rate of risk behaviors among young men having sex with men in all ethnic groups, with men in all ethnic groups, indicates that the department needs increased prevention campaigns aimed at youth," he said. "The results are alarmingly high."

The survey of 474 young men, age 17 to 22, was conducted at dance clubs, bars, and parks throughout the city

and in Berkeley. The study found that 9.4 percent of the young gay men asked were infected with HIV.

When the responses were broken down by ethnic groups, the study revealed that 21.2 percent of the black respondents said they were infected, 9.5 percent of the Hispanic, 8.3 percent of the Indians and 8.1 percent of the caucasians.

Of those asked, 33 percent said they had engaged in unprotected sex.

The San Francisco Health Department also projected that an estimated 880 boys and men between the ages of 12 and 25 were currently living with the HIV in the city, representing 1 percent of the age group.

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However, the agency calculated that only 17 percent were currently seeking treatment.

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Editorial

Madness and Anger

It seems that we have two choices: either we can be afraid, or we can be very, very angry. The government proved its contempt for us again, in a dozen ways this week, and if we don't get angry soon we may deserve whatever comes next. The week began with the U.S. Army punishing its Soldier of the Year for coming out of the closet. Simply booting him out of the service was not enough: Jose Zuniga's "superiors" — a word we really hate to apply to the childish brats in question — busted Zuniga in rank on a completely trumped-up charge. In so doing, they showed that merit is a meaningless concept in the Army. For the honorable Zuniga to be treated so shabbily just shows that when push comes to shove, we in the

cept in the Army. For the honorable Zuniga to be treated so shabbily just shows that when push comes to shove, we in the lesbian and gay community can expect nothing but hostility from the armed forces that are paid to protect us.

Of course, we knew that: we're still reeling from the testimony by so-called "heroes" Norman Schwarzkopf and Fred Peck, to the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Peck told Sam Nunn and the Nunnsuches that if his gay son served in the military, he could be killed by his fellow soldiers for being gay. That was shocking, but not compared with his next statement: "I won't say if that's right or wrong, it's just how things are." For Fred Peck to not know the death of any innocent son is wrong makes us very concerned about his ability to tell right from wrong in Somalia or anywhere else.

Schwarzkopf, on the other hand, managed to weave back and forth between various positions: that servicemembers cannot be persuaded to work around and live around lesbians and gays without being driven to extreme anti-social behavior (and, implicitly, that such behavior is not their fault); and — within a second or two of stating the former position — that those same servicemembers learn that if they are racist upon entering the service they must get over it, and ditto when it comes ing the service they must get over it, and ditto when it comes to sexual harassment. (Tailhook, of course, shows the latter statement to be self-delusion at best and perjury at worst.)

statement to be self-delusion at best and perjury at worst.)
We do not understand how the military can believe it is capable of changing one prejudice but is simply helpless to do anything about its homophobia. No, that's not true: we do understand, and we find it horrifyingly sinister.
Which is why we think people should be angry.
Another reason is that another town in Oregon has passed another anti-gay resolution. Please, please, do not ignore this creeping tide of legislated hatred; be aware of the parallels to Nazi Germany. We know we've said it before, but we're afraid the message is lost in these comparatively comfortable times. All we can say is that, to those living at the eve of World War II, those were modern times, too. Just because it's today doesn't II, those were modern times, too. Just because it's today doesn't mean we can't suffer in the same ways as yesteryear.

Be angry.

Be angry.
Be angry at Jesse Helms, too, and his crap about Roberta Achtenberg. Tell everyone how angry you are: your parents, friends, total strangers. Let the word get out that we are no longer simply a gentle loving people: we're really, really angry. And the thing is, there is so much more for Helms and the government to be concerned with: we live in a time when Little Leaguers kill each other after a sandlot game; jobs and housing are in such short supply that entire generations of Americans have never had one of either to truthfully call their own; diseases are running rampant; and the nation's residents cry out for leadership. And all those "leaders" can do is isolate one group — that's us, folks — and treat us like the problem. one group — that's us, folks — and treat us like the problem. Be angry.

Be angry.

As for the Barney Frank compromise, we aren't crazy about it. We've spoken with a number of people who consider it a foot in the door, and therefore better than nothing. We tend to disagree, considering that house slaves had their feet in the doors of plantations, but that didn't prevent them from being beaten, sold, and killed at the whim of their masters.

We think if the Pentagon has no choice but to admit to crippling homophobia, something would be done about it at once. The issue is not whether we are fit to serve in the military machine, but whether the machine is broken. Clearly, there is a problem there, and we resent like hell having to pay taxes to prop up an organization that is so incapable of keeping itself in running order. We say, throw the bastards out: Nunn. Aspin. in running order. We say, throw the bastards out: Nunn, Aspin, Schwarzkopf, Peck: the whole lot of them, starting with whoever ordered Zuniga's demotion.

Right now, whoever that was is probably chortling to his buddies about how he screwed the gay guy. And as far as we know, that's still a punishable offense. We demand justice.

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Guest Opinion

The Leadership of State is Sunk

by Chuck Shoen
First Officer, Veterans C.A.R.E.

The Santa Rosa Luther Burbank Rose Parade successfully completed its annual parade Saturday May 15, 1993. This parade contained 200 floats, marching bands, and VIPs, and included 22 veterans groups. The diversity of the units ans groups. The diversity of the units was equal to the diversity of the spectators: families, young and old, teenage students and college students, all races, veterans and non-veterans ... you name it and they were there. Thousands of plain every day American people.

In the group of 22 veterans organizain the group of 22 veterals organiza-tions was one made up of three women and seventeen men. They were not lost in the maze of veterans, they had their own identity equally with all the other groups. They were gay and lesbian wartime veterans with a banner stating so. In addition, they carried the rainbow flag, also called the gay flag. This local group of veterans belong to Veterans C.A.R.E., Redwood Empire, and have membership in the Sonoma Country

United Veterans Council.
Senator Nunn should have been there witness the acceptance of this group by the every day, honest working Americans. There was applause the entire length of the march.

This response was the pulse of America, and differed greatly from Senator Nunn's biased hearings and the orchestrated phone and letter campaigns by the

religious right and the hate network.

Is this a message to Senator Nunn?

The real message to the senator is that leadership in the military is the key word. Having served in the Navy from 1942 through 1963, as an enlisted man and an officer, I was continuously taught that leadership came from the top down. As I obtained more authority and responsibility, I also was required to answer for the conduct and morale of those under my command. I never had a vote or choice as to who I would obey or command. My oath to support and defend the Constitution, and to obey the orders of the President of the United States was the final word.

Admiral Crowe, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under the Reagan and Bush administration, said re-cently that the opponents to lifting the ban are basing their arguments more on emotions than reason and the military can adjust to the lifting of the ban. His former military aid and current press secretary, Jay Coupe, said that "the admi-ral dismisses out of hand the claims that the military can't cope with this." More import was his comment quoting the admiral, that "troop morale and unit cohesion are shaped largely by military leaders and not necessarily by life style, ethnic background, or personal beliefs of other soldiers or sailors."

The bottom line is leadership.

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Peck-ing Disorder

The recent testimony before the Senate by Marine Col. Fred Peck has received major media attention, including the front pages of the *Chronicle* and *Examiner*. The fact that this man has a son who and Examiner. The fact that this man has a son who is gay may be ironic given the colonel's stand against lifting the military ban on gay men and lesbians. But the reporting has gone beyond that irony and seems to be casting him in the role of an expert witness by virtue of his son's sexual orientation.

In his testimony, which was covered by C-SPAN, Col. Peck said he did not believe there is a place for

his son in the military, and went on to express fear that in time of war, his gay son's life would be in jeopardy— not from enemy fire, but from American troops who would use the cover of a war zone to kill a fellow soldier because he is gay. He even referred to a term for this type of killing: fragging.

Col. Peck then made this statement: "I am not saying that is wrong, or that is right. I am just saying it

While I am disappointed that Col. Peck and others While I am disappointed that Col. Peck and others cannot see the basic injustice in continuing the military ban, I find it even more alarming that a Marine officer cannot distinguish between right and wrong when it comes to the murder of one American soldier by another.

I am disgusted by the arguments being put forth in support of keeping the ban on gays and lesbians ser-ving openly in the armed forces. Since their main concern seems to be the threat to morale and good conduct, it is the height of hypocrisy to suggest that all these otherwise well-behaved and moral heteosexual soldiers and sailors would suddenly be moved to physically abuse or murder their openly gay comrades. Excuse me, senators, but if the U.S. military is

rades. Excuse me, senators, but if the U.S. military is suddenly going to disintegrate because of people like Joe Zuniga and Margarethe Cammermeyer coming out of the closet, then you've got a lot more to worry about than dropping your soap in the shower! And please, will Senators Kerry, Boxer et al. stop referring to Senators Nunn, Thurmond et al. as their "distinguished colleagues." Parliamentary etiquette notwithstanding, it would be far more accurate to address these dinosaurs as "my bigoted and medieval colleagues." colleagues.'

Steve Rosenberger San Francisco

Come Out to Lift the Ban

Gay and lesbian soldiers send a very personal and powerful message when they "come out." Colonel Peck, military spokesman for Somalia, received a powerful message when his son Scott came out of the closet. Let all of us be brave enough to "come out" to family and friends in the military. By doing so, we stand a better chance of lifting the ban.

> Tom Lynch San Francisco

Operation Concern Vital Too

Thank you for your article and resource guide for HIV caregivers in the May 6, 1993 issue. Unfortunately, you omitted an important and critical resource for all persons in the network of HIV caregivers.

Operation Concern has been providing professional therapy services in the AIDS Family Project for partners, family, friends and caregivers of the HIV infected person since 1988. The agency's skilled clinicians provide individual family couples and group therapy to vide individual, family, couples and group therapy to all those who surround the person with HIV. The pro-gram is designed to meet the potentially debilitating gram is designed to meet the potentially debilitating stress, burn-out and psychological pain brought on by HIV-related issues. We provide both short term and extended treatment. This service is available to all regardless of sexual preference or ability to pay. Inquiries for service should call Operation Concern at

Kevin McGirr, Director Operation Concern San Francisco

Ed. Note: The B.A.R. deeply regrets the omission

Skin Cancer Enthusiast Speaks Out

I have just returned home from my eighth (count 'em!) visit to your unforgettable city. What a marvelous

paradise!
One observation: why is everyone in San Francisco One observation: why is everyone in San Francisco os pale??? I spent six days there this time and only saw one person who didn't remind me of a polar bear. This guy — a short, hot-looking Italian with lots of Richard Gere-grey at the temples — was so dark he even put me to shame. If only there had been more like HIM! (And too bad he had a lover!)

San Francisco: you're great! But get a clue and get

Robert A. Scott Honolulu (Oahu), Hawaii

Free Larry

result of a letter to the editor from the "Free

As a result of a letter to the entor from the Free Larry Meholick Ad-Hoc Committee' I wrote a letter of support to Larry Meholick. Below is a copy of the letter he wrote back to me.

I believe it is important that this letter be published. It is my belief that if one is not a part of the solution then one is a part of the problem. I would hope that, in these times of increasing attempts at gay and leshing operations. lesbian oppression, those gay opportunists (those who take from the gay community without giving anything in return) would come to realize that whatever happens to any one of us happens to us all.

George White Eagle San Francisco

Dear George

I'm sorry I didn't write sooner but sometimes they hold my mail for 30 days and then give it to me. I hope the whole United States joins the committee to free me. People like you can make it happen. The Navy has broken every rule book about my case and now it doesn't know where to turn.

In this institution, I'm not permitted to talk to the

media, or write to them. But all this can happen through my attorneys. The more the American pub-lic knows about my case the better it is for all the gay people in the military.

I wish there was an article in every gay magazine and newspaper across the country about what the military did to me. But again, I'm not allowed to contact anyone. But it is up to people like you to spread word.

There was not forced sodomy in any way. In fact the

one individual didn't report it until a year later and came over to my house weekly. They told him if he told on me that nothing would happen to him. He found out different. He was kicked out of the military. I will be praying for you daily. I hope they will find a cure for AIDS. Thanks again for the letters your letter keeps me honing from day to determine the military. ter, your letter keeps me hoping from day to day.

Larry Meholick Box 75800, Drawer A Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027-7140

A Fighter for Liberty

was happy to read the recent interview with Ms. I was happy to read the recent interview with Ms. Madalyn Murray O'Hair (April·22). Although her humor leaves me cold, I admire this defender of the separation of church and state. Long before it was PC to support gay people, Ms. O'Hair was accurately stating that much of the pain and most of the prejudice we endure are due to the Bronze Age superstitions of the Abrahamic religions.

As gay people, we can be thankful that some "born again" isn't leading compulsory prayer in our public schools. Such prescribed obeisance to the christian skyezod was common practice when I was in grade

sky-god was common practice when I was in grade

school in the 50s.

A recent letter to the B.A.R., (May 6) suggests there is a connection between Ms. O'Hair's atheism and the bigotry of the Reagan-Bush era! That stretch could only be made by someone comfortable in not caring for

And to impute hate as Ms. O'Hair's motivation is to completely misunderstand this fighter for liberty. She is a lover of intellectual freedom and, as such, is a friend to us all.

Jim Hicks San Francisco

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Treating Youth Fairly

I am writing again to thank you for your coverage of youth issues. It reminds us of the unpleasant truth about our society's treatment of young people, and drives us to recommit ourselves to change.

The April 29 issue of B.A.R. carried a story about E.J. Byington, whose seemingly "powerful and positive story" had become "a heartrending saga of unrelieved disappointment and tragedy," due to a parental homophobia and a series of custody battles in which E.J. had little, if any, say. Byington's story, like that of Lynn Duff in the March 4 issue, serves as a reminder that *freedom*, not "protection," is what young people need to escape the abuses which have become virtually institutionalized in the American

Family.

Instead of "protecting" young people from an unjust social arrangement by taking more and more of their freedom and power and giving it to adults to misuse it, we should be changing the flawed arrangement itself — decentralizing power of all kinds and restoring it to those whose lives are affected by it.

This applies not only to children lorded over by their parents, but includes access, for young and old alike, to political and economic power in general —

alike, to political and economic power in general— which is presently concentrated in the hands of those elites who control the "two parties," otherwise known

as the two ring circus (three rings, counting Perot) which most Americans have despised for decades. Until all Americans, including young people, are freed from domination by those in whose hands power is presently concentrated, our current epidemic of child abuse will continue.

David Miller



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Letters

Do We Need More "Shock Value"?

Like many of your readers, I find the recent and growing use of the term "queer" both amusing and disappointing. As someone who has worked for gay and lesbian civil and human rights for many years, I and lesbian civil and human rights for many years, I believe that I have some perspective on the issue. I moved to San Francisco in 1968 and immediately joined a group called "Gay Liberation." Yes, 1968 and not 1969, the year of the Stonewall event. Gay Liberation in San Francisco preceded New York by several years. To return to the point, why "queer"? If people are really going for shock value (and does anyone need this today?), let us go even further. What about the Parade of Perverts or the Parade of Degenerates? These are still commonly used names for us. At the same time, instead of "Out There — The Annals of Queerdom" column in your paper, let's have "The Annals of Perverts" or "The Annals of Degenerates." I hope I have made my point.

Douglas Adams San Francisco

Vehemently Opposes "Queer" Parade Theme

Each week new letters appear from souls angered Each week new letters appear from souls angered at conscientious objectors like me because I refuse to march under the banner of "Year of the Queer." Objectors of conscience like me will neither attend nor spend money at Pride Day. I find my choice gloriously self-ennobling.

However, it is clear that some queers still don't get it. Let me explain it for the last time. After this, they're on their course.

There is only one reason for this particular theme: "year" rhymes with "queer" (or haven't you noticed?). It certainly doesn't rhyme with, for example, "faggot." My conscience objects to being insulted in this specious and frivolous way. "Insulted" is a legitimate feeling. I don't let people tell me how I should feel, especially when they tell me to feel an emotion of their

especially when they term be of her architecture own choosing; say, for example, pride, I do not need rescue from my feelings. Stop trying to fix me. Nothing's broke. I'm O.K. Are you?

Let me make my conscience perfectly clear. I don't want to support this theme. I don't have to support this theme. I'm not going to support this theme. What part of it don't you understand?

of it don't you understand? Finally, I'm prepared to deal with two certainties after the parade. One: the parade committee will change its name to prove their theme was successful. How does "The Queer, Bi-Queer and Trans-Queer Pride & Celebration Day Committee" sound? Two: proposals that the selection of the parade's

theme be removed from the parade committee's control will be met with relentless opposition. It's coming and it will not be pretty. But hey! If your conscience accepts this theme, the bloodbath afterward will not bother you either.

San Francisco

Decidedly Likes "Queer" Theme of

Has anyone stopped to think that there are those of us who genuinely appreciate this year's parade theme,
"Year of the Queer"?

I have never been gay. I never fit in. I loved to play

with dolls. I loved to play dress-up in my mother's pumps and lipstick. And I still do. These are not facades I hide behind; this is who I am. This is who I'm proud to be. Let's face it: I am Queer. I am not a "normal" gay man. I'm eccentric as hell.

I'm thrilled that in the city and community where

I live, we see fit to honor and respect each and every individual; even the queerest of the queer, enough so that we can all march proudly together with unconditional love for ALL our brothers and "sisters."

Hippy Chick

Pilot Cool Under Pressure

Lighten up on the American Airlines pilot who lock ed down the gay passengers on the same flight with Lou Sheldon. Look at it from his point of view. In the course of becoming a pilot, he went through a variety of training, probably military, that gave him a certain amount of bravado or macho attitude. When he found out who was on his plane, he thought that if somebody had been talking the kind of shit about him and his friends, that Lou Sheldon talks about us, that there would be a clear and present danger that he and his buddies would do Mr. Sheldon great bodily harm if not kill the motherfucker outright, on the spot — If not kill the monertucker outright, on the spotHe did not want to spend the next 17 months of his
life explaining to a series of FAA investigators why
the first aerial lynching in history had happened on
his watch! He did the best thing he could think of.
That the queers should have protested so politely,
and not kicked the shit out of Lou Sheldon when they
had the chapter was beyond his imagination. And

had the chance, was beyond his imagination. And mine, too, I might add.

Santa Clara, CA

More on the "Queer" Theme

In some by-gone era, the pink triangle was a symbol of oppression used to separate us from the general population, to be rounded up and exterminated later.

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Now, it is a symbol of pride.

The lesbian, gay, bi, transgender community has a wonderful history of, to quote Lennon/McCartney, 'tak(ing) a sad song and mak(ing) it better.' So it is with the word "queer." Once a term that was strictly derogatory, it is now heading down the road of respectability. Like the pink triangle before it, queer is making the journey not by the urging of our detractors but ing the journey not by the urging of our detractors, but by members of the community itself. As the communi-ty continues to recognize its diversity, a single word to encompass that diversity has become a legitimate need; queer popped up at the right place, at the right

time.

I see this as just another progression any word of
the language is prone to make, if the need arises for
it to make it. Once upon a time, some homophobe
decided that faggot was needed to describe gay men. decided that laggor was needed to describe gay men.
And so it took on that meaning. An older definition
of laggor is, to quote Webster's II, "a bundle of twigs,
sticks or branches bound together." One rarely sees
the word used in this sense these days. On the other
hand, some stylistic sticklers, in a thinly-veiled attempt
to hide their own homophobia, still inveigh the use
of the word gay to mean homosexuals, even though this use of the word dates back to the turn of the century and is totally established.

There will be those who object to queer used in its

new, affirmative sense. But the winds of change are already nearing gale force, and a reversal of the trend is not likely to occur. Not unless someone can come up with something better to take its place.

Gregory A. McVey-Russell Oakland, CA

Spin Doctors

The "Spin Doctors" was insightful and entertaining. It shows people what type of approach is employed by DJs in their clubs. The only thing that employed by Djs in their clubs. The only thing that far too many of the current crop of DJs depend on the BPM approach (beats per minute) and totally neglect the fact that the emotional content of music is what holds a crowd. Period. And yes, I am an authority on the subject. The first generation DJs of the "70s (me) realized that our crowds, unlike the polite crowds of today, were capable of throwing things at the DJ if the music failed to satisfy. There was little room for making mistakes at a time when the weekend was the only time that a (closeted) drag queen could let her hair down. And if you screwed up, they read you merciless-ly. Either that or the floor emptied. Some would call that attitude, but it made you look at your crowd to that attitude, but it made you look at your crowd to see how they're responding to the song. This is a failing of many DJs now. They have a "program" and they are going to play it song by song, no matter what. The creative approach holds that if you have a set going and the crowd is responding, you do not change the music, period. You let the crowd know by your next song that you are aware of their interest. This is the pally way you hold people for more than one hour. only way you hold people for more than one hour, something I am aware is missing at least one place mentioned in the article.

The other point ignored in the article is that there is always a core group of dancers who are knowledgeable about the music, its emotional feeling and the rhythm. They are the people to catch, initially, because it is their energy that pulls the rest of the club onto the floor, especially when a new song comes in, and the "non dancers" desert in droves. The core group, as dancers, will not walk off the floor because a song is new, in fact, they thrive on that. It brings out a song is new, in fact, they thrive on that. It brings out their creativity in dancing to a song they haven't danced to 50 times before. This is a creative field, and if you cannot contact your own heart while playing music, how can you expect to draw others for long? Many kudos to Nikki Rivera because she knows how to watch her crowd. As for the male DJs, I know a couple of them (by dancing to them) and I think they must be getting orders from their bosses, because, particularly at Pleasuredome, as opposed to two years ago, the music lacks feeling and soul. It is pure sound, and technique. Keep it up, Nikki.

It is pure sound, and technique. Keep it up, Nikki. You'll succeed even better with your approach. Again, kudos for this article. It is long overdue.

Glen McLeod San Francisco

Spinning Stereotypes

Even the most progressive and hip guys and gals an have their own stereotypes they hold near and

dear.

While reading "Spin Doctors," I find that the "cool" deejays, Pete Avila and Nikki Rivera, agree that lesbians and straight men are the worst crowds to play to, that "they're very conformist... totally top 40."

Ack! This, While I'm finally getting around to recording Big Black's Atomizer, which may be from a few years back, but I'm fairly confident it's never hit Top.

Manuhe powies tried the wrong leshing regwide op

40. Maybe you've tried the wrong lesbian crowds, or maybe we've been at home spinning your own records, because we sure have been at G-Spot.

Chervl Millett Oakland, CA

Oh, Mary, Don't Ask — Or Tell

s we near the the July
15 deadline for the
promised presidential
executive order overturning the ban against gays and lesbians serving openly in the military, more and more gay rights groups and their supporters — both in and out of Congress — fear that President Clinton might — just might — be forced to settle for ss than a complete lifting of

Although no one working to reverse the long-held ban is publicly throwing in the tow-el yet, it is beginning to look as though Clinton may be as thought Childon may be forced to accept a compromise. While gay groups and Capitol Hill supporters protest that settling for the options the Pentagon is expected to offer in July would just be "discrimination" wrapped in a nicer package it looks like Clinton doesn have the support he would need in Congress; he might be forced to settle for one of two "compromises," one of which would keep many parts of the current "interim" policy wherein military re cruits aren't asked their sexu al orientation, but openly de-clared gays are still banned. The second plan — expected to be put forth by a Pentagon panel of 50 officers and enlistpanier of 30 officers and emisted personnel appointed to devise ways to allow gays to
serve in the military — would
allow declared gays and lesbians to serve in the armed
forces but would ban
"homosexual conduct."

Would this "belf a loof."

Would this "half a loaf" compromise work? I doubt it, but there might not be any other choice. The question re-mains, however: what will happen to the thousands of competent and qualified les-bians and gays now serving in the military if others discover their sexual orientation? If the Pentagon eventually adopts a Pentagon eventually adopts a policy that would end the current efforts to unmask gays, but continue to ban those who are open about their sexuality — what is being referred to in Washington as the "don't ask, don't tell" plan — it would definitely signal a retreat from President Climon's pledge and he seen as a retreat from President Clinton's pledge and be seen as a defeat for both the president and the gay and lesbian community. The policy would still leave male and female military personnel who are suspected of being gay open for investigation, a continuation of the "witch hunts" that result in dismissal from the military. Clearly, those who are reported by others as being gay would still be open to such investigations — and the fundamental issue of discrimination would still exist, at least the way this writer reads the plan.

reads the way this writer reads the plan.
Senator Sam Nunn (D-Georgia), the anti-gay chair-man of the powerful Senate Armed Services Committee, has objected to the announced plans to drop the ban altogether. Despite the White House remaining adamant that only a total lifting of the ban is acceptable, sentiment was clearly building on Capitol Hill this week to put the gays-in-the-military issue to rest by making the "d a, d t" policy permanent. Lawmak policy permanent. Lawman ers in both parties, including some longtime supporters of gay and lesbian issues, were privately saying that they



Joe Montana

hope the president will agree to that compromise, thereby avoiding an unpleasant and probably futile political battle.

In fact, some congressional backers of gays were quietly telling gay rights groups this week that "the votes just aren't there" and predicted that if the president insists on signing an executive order completely lifting the ban, Congress — led by Senator Congress — led by Senator Nunn and other gay-rights op-ponents — would pass legislation imposing the inter-

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im policy, if not ordering a total reinstatement of the origi-nal ban. Even Representative Barney Frank (D-Massachusetts), one of only two openly gay Congressmembers, seemed to see the inevitable last week when he said the in-terim policy "makes some sense" but leaves open the question about what to do when the sexual orientation

or a discreet gay or lesolan is discovered.

"This [interim plan] moves in the right direction; it could be the basis for agreement," said Frank. Is a half a loaf better than none? It's a matter of conjunt. I suppose hut of opinion, I suppose, but from where I see it, discrimi-nation is still discrimination, no matter how well it is pack-

of a discreet gay or lesbian is

Senator Nunn and his ho-mophobic allies on the Armed Services Committee paraded a long list of military person-nel, including the decorated retired General Norman Schwarzkopf, in front of the hearing and television cameras last week to warn that, among other things, "allowing gays into the military increases the risk of AIDS." That is, of course, ridiculous, because the Department of Defense already has a strict HIV testing policy and bars new recruits with HIV. "Having to share with FIV. "Having to snare showers and sleeping quarters with gays will undermine morale," claimed Nunn and his cronies; this, too, is non-sense since the military already has strict rules govern-ing improper sexual behavior or harassment, although you wouldn't know it by the sto-ries coming out surrounding the infamous Tailhook scandal involving nearly 200 hetero-sexual Navy officers and en-

listed men.

Nunn and company further say the new rules, forbidding the asking of recruits about their sexual prefer-ences, go far enough. Wrong again, senator: under these rules, thousands of gays and

lesbians would still be forced to live a lie and if they are found out to be gay, or if they decide to admit they are gay, they would still be summarily discharged, no matter how distinguished their records

distinguished their records.
I'd bet money that Clinton will eventually have to capitulate on this issue and accept less than he and the gay and less than he and the gay and lesbian community want, but he's still the best friend our community has had in the White House in recent history and I, for one, won't blame him if the Sam Nunns, the Colin Powells, and the Strom Thurmonds — homophobes, all — force this decent man to eventually accent the purport. an — force this decent man to eventually accept the purport-ed "half a loat." While it ad-mittedly is not enough, it is — by far — more than we have gotten from any other presi-

Bill Clinton, in my eyes, will still stand tall.

People and politics

Does the Examiner hate this guy, or what? Now that the Ex has trashed Frank Jordan almost daily since he took office, and done all it can to smear his wife, last Sunday it started after his son, Frank Jordan Jr.; damn, Mr. Bron-stein, cut this guy some slack. I mean, this guy is no Dianne Feinstein as a mayor, and I realize you backed Art Agnos, but isn't enough really

enough?
Incidentally, Mayor Jor dan's appointment last week of attorney Jon Kouba as re-development commissioner (and the subsequent unanimous approval of the Board of Supes) was one of Jordan's

better appointments.

Newsweek magazine last week listed the 30 gay and lesbian Americans who it says are the top "Power Bro-kers" in the community, and Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg and author Randy Shilts were the only Northern Californians to make the exclufornians to make the exclusive, but questionable, list. (I mean, Michelangelo Signorile, best known for "outing" the late Malcolm Forbes, makes the list, but Massachusetts Congressman Gerry Studds doesn't?)

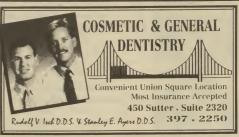
Ohio State University will

Ohio State University will allow gay and lesbian couples to live in a student housing complex that had been reserved only for families, beginning July 1. Gay couples will have to sign a statement of "domestic partnership" to suplify: qualify.

The run-off race next month for mayor of Los An-geles is getting tough; Presi-dent Clinton endorsed the pro-gay Michael Woo over the millionaire, conservative Rea gan opponent this week (urge all your L.A. friends to back Councilman Woo in this one; he's a longtime friend of

gays.)
My kind of millionaire: Rolling Stone, in a recent profile of David Geffen, the profile of David Geffen, the out-of-the-closet record and movie producer and bigtime supporter of President Clinton, reported that Geffen recently had his secretary put White House Chief of Staff Mack McLarty on hold because he was busy talking to guitarist Robbie Robertson. Geffen, said to be worth \$900 million, also gives millions to million, also gives millions to gay and lesbian causes, partic-ularly the fight against AIDS.





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The Road Not Taken

by Nancy Boutilier

had no idea I was a les bian when I was Cadet Boutilier. Echo Company, 15th Battalion, 4th raining Brigade: our company motto was "Death Before Dishonor," and it was hard enough to be a woman at Fort Knox, let alone a dyke.

I entered high school the year that Gerald Ford went against conventional military wisdom by ordering the military.

wisdom by ordering the mili-tary academies to admit wom-en. By the time I was a high school senior, I was proud to earn an appointment to the United States Military Acade-

my at West Point.

I was a pacifist, opposed to militarization, and I believed that the only way to change the military was to become part of it. As a loyal American Later transient and account of the property of the prope can, I set my sights on per-forming the most patriotic act

forming the most patriotic act I could perform — telling my government how offended I was by its actions.

At the time, generals seemed more powerful than politicians. I envisioned myself a career officer, testifying before Congress in favor of sent a career officer, testifying before Congress in favor of disarmament. I dreamt of standing up from the inside and saying: Yes, I do know our military secrets, and I still think we should reduce our arsenal.
So I felt an eerie tug this

week, as I listened to Former U.S. Army Colonel and Chief Nurse Margarethe Cammer-meyer, and Former U.S. Air meyer, and Former U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Thomas Panniccia, testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee hearings urging them to lift the ban on gays and lesbians in the military. With all the knowledge of insiders, there they were performing the most particular of the programment o siders, there they were performing the most patriotic act they could perform — telling their government how offensive its actions are.

I feel connected to these hearings in an odd way: I feel as though my road not taken is being lived out before my the control of the second of the second it seems that those

eyes — and it's clear that those who are living it are feeling considerable pain.

A very last minute change of mind caused me to spend freshman year living in Harvard Yard, often trying to explain to my Ivy League classmates why I spent summer vacation at boot camp and visited MIT for ROTC classes because Harvard had kicked ROTC off campus for violating the school's non-discrimi-

ing the school's non-discrimination clause protecting gay and lesbian students.

So on one hand I found myself having to defend my form of patriotism to Harvard dormmates, at a time in my life when the ban on lesbians was a non-issue to me. On the other hand, I was dubbed "Cadet Harvard" by the Company Commander at boot

And now, as I look for-And now, as I look for-ward to my ten-year college reunion in June, I have Gener-al Colin Powell to look for-ward to as the featured speak-er at Commencement. It is er at Commencement. It is time to show my loyalty to my alma mater by telling them how offended I am by its actions. The timing of this invitation is a slap in every lesbian and gay alum's face.



Nancy Boutilier (left) displays her weapon at Fort Knox in 1980.

It was only a few weeks ago I was in Washington, celebrating the strides that the

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gay movement has made one of which is becoming a gay, lesbian, and bisexual movement that continues to movement that continues to work toward inclusion. I danced in the shadow of the Capitol Building, teeming with the optimism that the system would include and recognize me, us, our demands. We were going to make a peaceful revolution by working with the system.

But more recently, with each tidbit that trickles out of Washington — words of senators and generals — I find my self recalling boot camp and the military's need for build-ing cohesion through confor-

ing cohesion through conformity, and I am less optimistic. I found myself recalling a quirky little poem I had to recite each time I committed the boot camp sin of referring to my M-16 as a "gun." (Weaponwas the preferred word, and rifle was okay, but never gun. It was even worse than calling a sergeant "sir.")

"Your what. Cadet?!"

"Your what, Cadet?!"
Sergeant Grunt would lean into my face and sneer.
"Oh, sorry, Sir ... I mean, Sergeant, my weapon."
"Be sure you know the difference, Cadet Haaaarvaaard,"
was his way of ordering me

was his way of ordering me to prove that I did, indeed, know the difference.

know the difference.

A snap to attention, a deep breath, and I would bark: "I have a weapon, Sergeant, and I have a gun. One is for fighting, the other's for fun."

It seems that in the military, anatomy and weaponry are confused all the time. No weader these straight men.

are confused all the time. No wonder those straight men are so afraid of gay soldiers. My drill sergeant did not seem to mind the foolishness of the rhyme given the context of a female reciting it. The charade we shared relied on the extent to which we could pretend that I was not a woman. It was my job to woman. It was my job to make my gender invisible by proving myself to be a man's

proving myself to be a man's man.

Now, imagine an openly gay soldier distinguishing between his rifle and his penis for his drill sergeant: "I have a weapon. I have a gun. One is for fighting, (perhaps adding a snap for emphasis)

the other's for fun!"

It's no wonder that Retired Army General Norman Schwarzkopf and others support the ban on gays and les-

bians in the military by blam-ing the victims of the mili-tary's code of bigotry. According to Stormin' Norman's testimony, "when it became known in a unit that someone was openly homosexual, polarization occurred, violence sometimes followed, morale broke down, and unit effectiveness suffered." Why didn't Senator Nunn

ask Schwarzkopf why nothing had been done to curb that violence? If you've known for a while about such dissention and violence, why have you remained silent on this issue until now, Sir? Where's that order in the troops you are so fond of? Why haven't educafond of? Why haven't educa-tional programs been set in place? What kind of leader-ship allows gay bashing? Is it similar to the leadership that covered up the Tailhook ha-rassment, Sir?

One of the first educational sessions I attended at Fort

Knox back in the summer of 1980 was a three-part lecture series in a small auditorium. My company, consisting mostly of men, learned three things: 1) rape is a crime and men who rape are sick; 2) you can get VD if you are not careful; and 3) wear a condom

careful; and 3) wear a condom to avoid getting any women pregnant—complete with the demonstration of how to put a condom on a banana and the reminder that it won't do you any good on the banana. To my recollection, the material ignored the fact that a few of us were, indeed, women. As a company, we were taught not to rape, but while nobody had to tell me that rapists were sick, I was a bit concerned that the roomful of my "comrades" needed

ful of my "comrades" needed such a reminder. The military seems rather selective in deciding when and when not to acknowledge difference. After all, if they difference. After all, if they could ignore that some of us were women — and lacked a gun, so to speak — why is it so difficult to ignore the fact of someone's sexuality?

And it may be the gun metaphor that holds the answer to this puzzle. If women don't have guns and gay men.

don't have guns, and gay men do, what frightens all those straight men has to do with

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Suicide

questions about suicide, and learn about drug combina-tions that lead to successful

tions that lead to successful suicides.

"We've only talked about this issue in general terms," said Humphries, in a BAR. interview. "This is going be an assisted suicide workshop, in real nuts and bolts. Many people have taken their lives with the help of my beek."

people have taken their lives with the help of my book. It has almost everything you need to know."

Because the baby boomer generation is growing older and more than one million HIV-positive people are facing the prospect of a dolorous death, the issue of choosing when to die is receiving more death, the issue of choosing when to die is receiving more attention than ever before. "Do you think terminally ill people should have the right to terminate their lives?" asked Martin. "This is a question many gay men are facing."

ing."
Cheryl Smith, an attorney at the Hemlock Society's national headquarters in Eugene, Oregon, said in a B.A.R. interview that the gay community has been neglectful of

the right-to-die issue.
"This is definitely an issue for the gay community but they've been unwilling to dis-cuss it," Smith said. "Assisted suicide is going to remain un-derground in the gay commu-nity until you discuss it open-ly."

Humphries, who co-founded the Hemlock Society in 1980, said that AIDS has permanently altered the right-to-

manently altered the right-to-die movement.
"For the first five years we were an elderly organization; it was just me and a bunch of old women," he said. "And then, in 1985, when AIDS be-came quite a public matter, we went from the sea of gray-haired ladies to a lot of young people. And then a lot of nurses and doctors who treat-ed AIDS patients started get-ting involved because it ting involved because it changed for them when they

changed for them when they saw young people dying."

San Francisco is currently averaging six AIDS-related death each day. While nobody knows exactly how many PWAs have committed suicide, Jameson believes the percentage is high.

"I would say that in San Francisco at least one PWA a day and probably more [commits suicide]," he told the B.A.R. "I base that on the people I interview. It's rapidly becoming a preferred method becoming a preferred method of dying." Humphries said that peo-

ple considering committing or assisting suicide will learn about their choices and re-ceive peer support at his workshops.

"What a person will get is the self-control and assurance that comes with knowing your options," he said. "This stuff is all in my book, but people like to talk about it. I don't tell people what to do. I talk about options and

California is among 22 states where assisting suicide is illegal. In November, California voters narrowly rejected an initiative to legalized assisted suicide, known as Proposition 161. Studies show That Californian's overwhelmingly support the right-to-die but Proposition 161 was de-railed by members of the medical community, who expressed concern that the law was vague and could be abused. In addition, a multi-million dollar media cam-paign sponsored by the Catholic church overwhelmed right-to-die proponents, who say they spent less than a million dollars.

On Monday, the California right-to-die organization Death With Dignity announced it is planning another statewide referendum for

1996.
"It was advisable for them to wait for 1996 and build up a war chest rather than go for 1994 and get defeated by the church's money again," Humphries said.
Suicide is often desired by

Suitche is often desired by PWAs because of purely eco-nomic reasons, and activists consider euthanasia sound fis-cal policy. Care for a termi-nally ill patient until death by natural causes can often cost more than a million dollars more than a million dollars. The Clinton administration is considering, as part of its health care package, allowing people to choose whether they would want mechanical life support if terminally ill or brain dead. And if a person said they wouldn't want life support, the doctor wouldn't be able to overrule the deci-

"It's terrible and it's regretable that people hasten lives because you're out of money,"

because you're out of money,"
Humphries said. "This isn't a
problem exclusive to PWAs,
and hopefully the new administration will deliver a health
care system that addresses
these issues."
Jameson said that overdoses of pills from morphinebased drugs are the preferred
method of suicide for most
PWAs. But PWAs who contracted the disease from IV
drug use often prefer a heroin
overdose. overdose.

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"A lot of the time people take overdoses of the wrong drugs, like valium, and end up in excruciating pain for several days until they die of liver disease or a related side effect of the overdose." Jameson said. "Nowdays asphyxiation has become common. In these cases, usually the person knocks themselves out with pills and then a friend puts a plastic bag over their head until they're dead.

"Doctors usually write out the prescription pretty far in advance, while the patient is

reasonably healthy, to avoid any potential trouble. There are a lot of doctors in the area that are willing to do this," he said. "Sometimes when the said. Sometimes when the patient is hospitalized, at the final stages of a terminal condition, the doctor increases the IV morphine drip to induce death. We call this a 'snow job!' I wish they would he more straightforward."

'snow job.' I wish they would be more straightforward.'' After a PWA is dead, the doctor, friends, or family call a hospice and the death is list-ed as occurring from natural causes. The coroner's office rarely investigates AIDS deaths due to compassion deaths, due to compassion and lack of resources, Jame-son said. The coroner's office did not return telephone calls to the B.A.R. regarding this

to the B.A.R. regarding this story.

"Why create a political nightmare with the right-to-lifers when the people you'd be prosecuting also are dying of AIDS or are the bereaved family or friends of the deceased? They have to look the other way because it's so political," Jameson said.

Iameson told the B.A.R.

Jameson told the B.A.R. that some people he has talked to have helped eight or more friends commit suicide. Whereas gay men used to be

only people assisting the deaths of PWAs, lesbians and

deaths of PWAS, festians and family members are increas-ingly involved.

In some cases, Jameson ac-knowledged, PWAs might be coerced to commit suicide before they're ready.

"This is another reason

before they're ready.

"This is another reason why we have to bring this out in the open," he said. "The decision to end a life must be done thoughtfully, carefully and legally."

Smith, Martin, and Jameson agree that once the gay and lesbian community bring the issue of assisted suicide into the public forum, all of society will be better off.

"Gay people are the only people in modern history who have had to deal with dying

have had to deal with dying at a young age," said Smith. "The ideas that come from this community are going to shape the way the country cares for its sick."

cares for its sick."
Jameson added, "Out of necessity gay people have learned to care about the dying. Who else is focusing on the needs of the terminally ill? Who other than gay people are leading the way to provide love and compassion and the proper care for the terminally. proper care for the terminally ill? No one else." ▼



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Russian AIDS activists Pavel Masalsky and Kevin Gardner display one of five Russian-made quilt panels donated to the Names Project.

Russian Quilt Panels Come to San Francisco

by Rene M. Astudillo

Today, the hammer and sickle are but a memory of what was once the Soviet Union. These symbols have been replaced by the white, blue, and red stripes to which more than 150 million Russians now pledge their alle-giance. This week in San Francisco, a different kind of Francisco, a different kind of Russian symbolism was on display for public viewing at the Department of Public Health's AIDS Office. It consisted of five cloth panels bearing the names of Russians who have died of AIDS. The panels are part of a larger project undertaken by the Russian NAMES Fund, one of the 19 international affiliates of the NAMES Project Foundation of San Francisco, sponsor of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. al Quilt.

According to official statis tics, 120 Russians have died of AIDS, but experts believe the actual number is much the actual number is much higher. It was not until 1988, two years after the first AIDS case was reported in the former Soviet Union, that the government officially recognized the existence of homosynality and drug abuse cos nized the existence of homo-sexuality and drug abuse, con-sidered high risk factors for HIV transmission. Despite this recognition, little has been done to curb the wors-ening drug problem, and Rus-sian laws continue, in effect, to prohibit sex between men and discriminate against perand discriminate against per-sons found with sexually-transmitted diseases, includ-ing HIV. Foreigners and citizens alike are subject to HIV testing on demand, and isola-tion for those who test seropositive is permitted by

Accompanying the Russian AIDS Memorial Quilt panels in a tour of major cities of the U.S. is Pavel Masalsky, an AIDS activist and member of the Russian NAMES Fund. For four years, he was imprisoned under two separate Russian laws governing sodomy and public health. Article 115 punishes anyone who infects another person or puts that person at risk for infection with sexually-transmitted dis-eases (STDs), including HIV and AIDS. Masalsky was put behind bars because his name

came up as a person who came in contact with someone who had an STD.

Article 121, on the other hand, outlaws even consensual sex between men. Masalsky is homosexual. Since his release from prison in the fall of 1992, Masalsky has been deeply involved in AIDS activism and gay rights. He says, "If Russia continues to respond to AIDS with discrimination and persecution, the epidemic will continue to spread. Discrimination and persecution threaten the public health in Russia as much as AIDS does." sky is homosexual. Since his

as AIDS does."
Joining Masalsky is Kevin Gardner, an American AIDS activist and director of the AESOP ("An Effective Shield of Prevention") Resource Center, which is involved in STD and AIDS education, training, research, and information in

Moscow. Despite sweeping political changes in the Kremlin, Gardner says that "a system is still in place that works against AIDS education and drives gay men underground." derground."
Gardner also lamented the

Gardner also lamented the fact that because of the current economic conditions prevailing in Russia, practically no government funding is being made available to curb the further spread of AIDS. "The number of Russians who are HIV-positive is ten times more than the official estimate of 650 to 700," says Gardner, citing the World Health Organization's (WHO) figure of 20,000 as closer to the actual number of HIV infections in Russia. Part of fections in Russia. Part of Gardner's mission during his U.S. visit is to appeal for do-nations to help finance the AESOP Resource Center. He said that the start-up operational costs for the center is estimated at \$50,000 to \$100,000.

\$100,000.

So far, the Russian AIDS panels have been displayed in New York, at the recent March on Washington, in Chicago, and in Los Angeles. One of the larger panels not only had the tricolors of the Russian flag, but also eleven names written inside the fanames written inside the fa-miliar inverted triangle, set against a light blue back-ground: in Russia, light blue is the unofficial gay color. And the Russian dedication inscription literally translates as "To the gays of Russia . . . from the gays of Russia."

Start Achtenberg's Hearings

by Dennis Conkin

The U.S. Senate is expect-The U.S. Senate is expected to begin debate over the confirmation of Roberta Achtenberg as Assistant Secretary for fair housing and equal opportunity at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, at Bay Area Reporter presstime.

Achtenberg was appointed

Achtenberg was appointed by President Clinton to the \$114,00-a-year post in February. She was approved by the Senate Banking Committee earlier this month, clearing the way for full senate confir-

mation.

The hearings are set to begin on May 19, and are expected to last a day and a half.

half.
Achtenberg needs 51 Senatorial votes for approval — and according to news reports, is expected to garner support from most of the 57 Democrats in the Senate.
Anti-gay right-wing Senator Jesse Helms (R-North Carolina), who has denounced Achtenberg as a "damn lesbian," promises to attempt to

bian," promises to attempt to block the nomination with a

filibuster, aided by a handful of Republican extremists, but the attempt, according to po-litical observers, is expected

litical observers, is expected to fail.

On May 18, The Senate Republican Caucus played a videotape of the 1992 San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day celebration to interested senators during a policy meeting.

According to news reports, only about a dozen Senators attended the event — which included short footage Achtenberg. ▼

Program Planned to **Improve HIV Services** for People of Color

by David O'Connor

Improving health services for people of color was the topic of a meeting of AIDS service providers in Washington, D.C., April 26 and 27.
Reggie Williams, executive director of the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, said the meeting focused on

Force on AIDS Prevention, said the meeting focused on developing a program to train service providers to work in people of color communities.

People of color are underserved for a wide range of reasons, Williams said, including fear, denial, and mistrust of the health care system.

"What we want to do is to

"What we want to do is to train community-based treatment specialists who will be knowledgeable of a whole ar-ray of issues and basically be able to empower people to look at their overall health needs, specifically around HIV," Williams told the B.A.R.

"We're not trying to get people into any specific ther-apy," Williams said. "It's about getting people into a system of care and treatment around this disease. The soon-er people do that, the better

quality of life they will have. Our goal is to try to provide as much quality for people with AIDS and HIV as we possibly can."

To meet that goal, Williams and other organizers plan to develop a ten-day training program for service providers around the country. Organizers will take the plan to Berlin next month for the Ninth International Conference on AIDS where they hope to win financial backing

hope to win inancial backing from pharmaceutical compa-nies, Williams said. Burroughs Wellcome spon-sored the initial meeting in Washington.

"The next step is meeting with pharmaceutical companies at the AIDS conference to convince them that it is in their best interest for them to be part of this plan," Williams be part of this plan; Williams said. "Pharmaceutical companies are in the business of making money. If we can connect their bottom line with our bottom line, which is getting services to people with HIV disease, I think it can be a win-win situation." a win-win situation."

California News

L.A. Race May Result in First Lesbian City Councilmember

by Karen Ocamb

For years lesbians and gays have echoed the constant refrain: "If only we had open-ly gay people representing us, then our issues would be tak-

then our issues would be taken seriously!"
The redistricting of Los Angeles's 13th City Council district was partially designed to do just that. The area, which includes such gay-populated areas as Silver Lake, Atwater Village, Hollywood, and portions of Echo Park, now faces the test of whether that redistricting is going to pay off.

on June 8, lesbians and gays will have the historic opportunity to elect one of their own. Openly lesbian former L.A. Unified School Board President Jackie Goldberg is in an extremely tight race with Tom LaBonge, deputy to City Councilmember John Ferarro. If Goldberg wins it will be the first time an open lesbian or gay is elected to the L.A. City Council.

Simply put, LaBonge characterizes himself as the "guy who'll fix the pot-holes" while Goldberg presents herself as

who'll fix the pot-holes" while Goldberg presents herself as the "change-agent" who clear-ly represents the diversity of the community. Powerful County Supervisor Gloria Molina, for whom Goldberg works as an advocate for chil-dren, has vigorously endorsed Goldberg in the heavily Lati-

no district.
Goldberg won over two
other openly gay candidates,
Michael Weinstein, president
of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, and Conrado Terrazas,
a Fox film executive. Terrazas

a Fox film executive. Terrazas has endorsed Goldberg, but Weinstein has not.

"At this point I have decided to remain neutral. I'm not motivated to endorse, based on what I've seen and heard," Weinstein said in a recent phone interview. "It's a question of the issues, which transcends sexuality. And while it's important to elect someone who is openly and proudone who is openly and proudly gay or lesbian, the primary issue was who is the best qualified. I obviously had very strong differences of opinion with Jackie and with her record. ... Secondly, it was a very difficult campaign. I've been saked for my endorse. been asked for my endorsement but there has not been an olive branch."

"That's not my understanding," Goldberg says. "I offered what I felt was an olive branch, in my opinion, and he turned me down. He wanted to be elected and he's not willing to help someone else if it's not him. I would have endorsed him in a moment.

"We are in an extremely close race," Goldberg continues. "My opponent is running the best race money can buy. He's running as "Mr. Nice Guy" and avoiding debate on

the issues so people don't know who he really is. He's a lot more conservative than the district. It's a most effective strategy. He's taking a lot of developer money and money from lobbyists while saying, 'Tm a terrific guy. It doesn't matter. I'll be independent.'

"It does matter. He's

"It does matter. He's bought and sold by the same special interests who've been there all along.

there all along.

"It all hinges on us getting the vote out," Goldberg continued. "We're very concerned about the [Mayoral candidate Richard] Riordan turnout — that he will bring conservatives out, even though this is not known as a conservative district. It's a real problem.

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conservative district. It's a real problem.

"The gay and lesbian vote is very, very important. It's not the only vote. But gays and lesbians probably make up between 10-15 percent — maybe more — of the electorate. And that includes people who don't often vote in municipal elections. If gays and lesbians come out to vote and vote as a bloc, it could probably make the difference between victory and defeat."

Goldberg says she needs all the help she can get with phone banking and precinct walking. More information on her campaign may be obtained.

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In the Footsteps of Jordan and Wilson:

Riordan Woos Gay Vote in L.A.

by Karen Ocamb

As the June 8 election for a As the June 8 election for a new Los Angeles Mayor ap-proaches, candidates Mike Woo and Richard Riordan are pulling out all the stops-including Woo's May 18 en-dorsement from President Bill Clinton to top Riordan's nod from former President Ronald Reagan.

Ronald Reagan.

But despite eight years of activism as a City Councilmember on the gay community's behalf, Mike Woo does not have the gay vote locked up. In fact, many gays are giving Republican Riordan a second look. Some, like Democrat Bob Burke, are now actively working on Riordan's campaign staff. Others - who request anonymity fearing a backlash - have loosened their criteria for endorsements to make room for dorsements to make room for Riordan, whom they believe will win the race.

will win the race.

But both candidates are reaching out to gays. On May 10 Woo and Riordan (pronounced "Reardon") addressed the Valley Business Alliance (VBA) and the Los Angeles Business and Professional Association (BAPA) at a joint dinner at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. Both talked "tough" and said what the audience wanted to hear about leadership, jobs, and making L.A. "safe" again.

But despite the different approaches to solving the

city's problems, the night came down to nuances. Woo,

came down to nuances. Woo, with his long track record of involvement with the lesbian and gay community, clearly felt comfortable. "I am no stranger to this community," Woo said. "You can count on me to remember the gay and lesbian community."

Woo talked about his work on gay and AIDS issues, and about standing up to former LAPD Chief Daryl Gates. He made specific promises to name openly gay people to the spectrum of Commissions and administration posts, and addressed questioners by name.

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Riordan was received as a successful businessman in a roomful of entrepreneurs. He delivered his stump speech but made no specific mention of gays. During questioning he said he would "fight for your rights unto my death" and would be "proud" to ride in the Pride Parade. He was roundly applauded. In a later interview, Riordan refused to commit to hiring openly gay people for "slotted positions," although he said his administration would reflect the city.

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Riordan also admitted that
his "work is very minor" on
AIDS (even though his
nephew died of AIDS four
years ago, followed by a
"close" friend two years ago)
but says he has given money
to and is currently involved in

a couple of "projects". "Angeles Food" [sic] and AIDS Project Los Angeles.

Noting that the state's AIDS budget had just been slashed, VBA President Bill Robinson asked both candidates what they would do to "elevate the status" of the office of AIDS Coordinator. Woo has committed to moving the position into the Mayor's office to make it more important. Riordan, Robinson felt, appeared not to know the important. Riordan, Robinson felt, appeared not to know the office existed, though he promised to consult with gay leaders before appointing someone to it. Robinson, a Republican until the Houston Convention, has decided to back Woo.

But longtime Democrat Michael Keeley, an associate in the law firm of Riordan & McKinzie since 1982, says Ri-ordan can be trusted. "I have been openly gay since about three minutes on the job," says Keeley, who has handled pro bono sexual orientation discrimination cases with Ri-ordan's knowledge and per-mission. "I know Dick Rior-

dan is not homophobic."

Essentially Riordan-lookers believe Riordan's promise to "share power with you and people throughout this city ... [to] turn L.A. around." For Burke, gay issues, while important, are secondary to "which candidate has the best chance of winning and has acceptable goals."



Michael Keeley (left) Richard Riordan and Bob Burke.

"Using Clinton as most the recent example," says Burke, now Riordan's Campaign Ponow Riordan's Campaign Po-litical Director, "we have learned that a lot of campaign rhetoric gets fluffed away when the candidate gets into office. We become expend-able." Burke feels Riordan would make the better mayor and is good or could be edu-

and is good or could be educated on gay issues.

For gay Republicans the choice was obvious. The Log Cabin Club endorsed Riordan May 3. "We believe that he is sensitive to our issues — not in

May 3. "We believe that he is sensitive to our issues — not in a pandering or political way, but with genuine concern," said Brian Perry, President of the Club's Los Angeles chapter. "If Richard Riordan is a William Weld [pro-gay Governor of Massachusetts], I have nothing but praise for him."

"Riordan's not perfect. He's got fewer warts than Mike Woo," says Log Cabin Vice-President Carol Newman. Even so, Newman was disappointed that Riordan was unfamiliar with Colorado's anti-gay Amendment 2 when asked what he would do to fight a similar measure if such an initiative was put on the California ballot. Newman hopes that the Log Cabin Club will gain a position as a "liaison" to the gay community if Riordan wins.

But for ANGLE's John Duran, who supported Assemblymember Richard Katz in the primary, Riordan sounds like candidate Pete Wilson. "The choice of Mike Woo is crystal clear for me without hesitation," says Duran. "In 1991 Pete Wilson made a backroom promise to me to sign AB 101, and we see what happens with backroom

backroom promise to me to sign AB 101, and we see what happens with backroom promises - they're easily broken. If Riordan is not willing to come out with a position paper on our issues - he's not entitled to our trust."

It is Riordan's support by right wing Republicans such as Congressman Dana Rohrbacher and state Senator Newton Russell that concerns a number of gay people, as well as the support generated by the Riordan Foundation to anti-abortion groups.

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But perhaps most difficult for gays is Riordan's connection with the Christian Coalition with the Christian Coalition. In a special get-out-the-primary-vote newsletter paid for by Riordan's Campaign, Sara DiVito Hardman, state vice president of the California Republican Assembly (CRA) — who also happens to be the state director of the Christian Coalition — endorsed Riordan.

"Dick Riordan is the only major candidate who is a Re-

major candidate who is a Republican," noted Hardman in the CRA newsletter. "But we are for Riordan, not only because he is a Republican, but because be would make the best Mayor. ... The more lib-eral candidates and the liberal eral candidates and the interal media both are engaged in a negative campaign against Dick Riordan," Hardman said. "Thus it's even more im-portant that Republicans turn out to support Dick on April

20."
Contacted by phone, Hardman pointed out that as a non-profit organization, the Christian Coalition is prohibited from making political endorsements, although the group can publish and distribute educational voter guides. "We don't take positions on anything as far as the

guides. "We don't take positions on anything as far as the candidates are concerned," Hardman said.

Asked if, as CRA vice-president, she has any feelings about Riordan having open gays on his staff and his outreach to the gay community, Hardman said: "I don't know that that's true ... [but] whoever wins is going to be the Mayor of everyone in the city and in a very, very liberal city as this, in order to get elected, I would think they would as this, in order to get elected, I would think they would have to reach out to everyone—no matter who—and I really think that's what they're both doing as much as they possible can... I'm not saying it bothers me or doesn't bother me. I'm just saying that I understand they're not going to get elected if they don't reach out to everybody. And that when they're governing. reach out to everybody. And that when they're governing, they govern all the people in the district, no matter what they are. You can't pull them out and say, 'You will only be the mayor or the governor or the legislator for this group of people that are all the things we stand for and that we consider yery important."

we stand for and that we consider very important."

Despite Hardman's personal support for Riordan, Burke says he sees "no evidence" of any connection or outreach to the Christian right. However, former Riordan field director Michael Dolan told the Los Angeles Times on April 28 that he left that campaign because he was turned off by the campaigns' preoccupation with courting right-wing voters. Jadine Nielson, Riordan's campaign manager (and for eas jadile wieson, Nordan's campaign manager (and former Clinton campaign staffer) told the *Times* that Dolan was fired for doing "a lousy job."

"There are a lot of people working in this campaign," said Burke. "That doesn't mean the candidate himself mean the candidate nimself espouses or adheres to or sup-ports any of those beliefs." Mike Woo, he points out, re-ceives support from African-American Baptist preachers who believe homosexuality is

who believe homosexuality is a sin — views that Woo probably does not share.

Because of the \$6 million Riordan has lent his own campaign, he is expected to get his message across more successfully than Woo in the waning days of the race. Political activists in the lesbian and gay community will be pushing for gay votes too. On May ing for gay votes too. On May 25, Human Rights Campaign Fund board member Richard Colbert and entertainment manager Brian Rix are hosting a fundraiser for Riordan. Meanwhile, ANGLE has offi-cially endorsed Woo as has cially endorsed Woo, as has Stonewall Democratic Club, and they will also attempt to get the vote out.



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Bay Area Teens Learn about Gay Rights at ACLU Conference

by Judi Parks

The American Civil Liber-The American Civil Liberties Union was host to more than 1,000 Bay Area high school students at its May 10 "Say What 2??!l" conference on social issues affecting youth, at San Francisco's Civic Center. Gay leaders, teachers, and activists were panelists and participated in workshop discussions of workshop discussions of broad-based civil rights issues, ranging from the controversy over the use of "gang profiles" to the how to's of organizing

to the how to's of organizing in the schools.

Students spent the day learning about lesbian and gay rights, from Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC) panelist Carmen Vazquez of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and censorship of art and music with Dominique Di Prima and Jello Biafra. Positive gay role models at the event included San Francisco School Board President Tom Ammiano — who led discussions on contraceptives on campus from his pertives on campus from his pertired. tives on campus from his per spective as a pioneering sup-porter of school-based clinics—and the founder of the Les-bian Rights Project, San Francisco Juvenile Court Judge Donna Hitchens, who joined ACLU attorneys and community organizers in dis-cussing how to deal with the

Concerned students wrote a five-foot by 20-foot letter to President Clinton, supporting a five-foot by 20-foot letter to President Clinton, supporting his presidency, encouraging him to stand strong, and reminding him, "Don't compromise your beliefs or you will be seen as weak." Along with a number of flattering messages about the value of the First Lady's input into the Clinton Administration, gay rights messages were prominently display: "Gays are people too" and "Stop AIDS," "Gay and lesbian rights need to be recognized" and "Bill —Let Gays in the military. Abolish homophobia."

Informational tables, set up by many Bay Area non-profit organizations including Community United Against Violence (CUAV) and LYRIC, were visited by a steady stream of students. CUAV gave advice on various issues, whistles for self-defense, and literature on its speakers' bureau. "We sneak to over 3,000

whistles for self-defense, and literature on its speakers' bureau. "We speak to over 3,000 high school students each year," said CUAV Speaker's Bureau Coordinator Sylvia Weisenberg. "This week the school district is making a decision as to whether we can go to the middle schools. They're yoting on May 14th go to the middle school. They're voting on May 14th

as to which grade level we can enter. We're hoping for the eighth because it fits well into their program of health and science classes. If a health class is talking about nutrition, that's not the time to come in and talk about being gray but if they are talking gay, but if they are talking about love and sex, then it's appropriate." LYRIC's Recreation Coor-

dinator Kathy Bollinger and Coordinator of Lesbian Youth dinator Kathy Bollinger and Coordinator of Lesbian Youth Peer Support Elizabeth Friedman gave out lots of flyers headed "You're Not The Only One Out There," advertising a new talk and info line for teenagers who can call (415) 863-3636 or 1-800-246-PRIDE on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights from 6:30 11:30 p.m. The line is "a way for young people who have questions, thoughts, or concerns about homosexuality, or for young people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender, to talk to other young people who understand and are ready to listen. When you call, you can talk about anything that's on your mind. It is 100 per cent safe and confidential," according to the recorded message.

When asked if most of the kids coming by the LYRIC table are gay, Friedman responded, "No, a lot of kids

KMEL Radio personality Renell Willis passed out T-shirts and flashlights a ticipants not to sit back in the face of injustice.

here are activists and into organizing the kids at their schools. A lot of both straight and gay kids are coming by to ask for information."

Activist Atasha Abyta, a heterosexual senior at Vallejo High School and head of the

High School and head of the Ethnic Committee of Student ACLU, described her involvement in gay rights issues for the Bay Area Reporter. "One of the main topics on our agenda is homophobia," she said. "Basically our [school]

administration was homophobic and stopped a presenta-tion that portrayed gay men similar to the *In Living Color* show on television. We invited people from the Pacific Center to our campus and they didn't feel it was offen-sive. We did this so students could formulate their own could formulate their own opinions on homosexuality, and basically, we had an overwhelmingly positive response from both the students and parents. However, we did have a negative response from the Vallejo Traditional Values Coalition, [which] spread negative stereotypes and propaganda."

Regarding the In Living Color parody, Abyta explained, "the drama class presented a Christmas play, [similar to] the "Men on Film" skits. It was scheduled to be repeated throughout the day, but after it was presented

but after it was presented once, the principal canceled it. Because of the issues of censorship and homophobia, the Student ACLU decided to counteract it. We started holding forums, and because we know our rights, the administration couldn't stop us. Basically we want to stand up for human rights and equality for

human rights and equality for all people."

The conference held information sessions and workshops on nine different topics, and four, including the gay and lesbian issues panel discussion, were repeated to allow broader attendance. Yvette Gomez of LYRIC and Carmen Vaguez of, the Nac. Carmen Vazquez of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force discussed why they do political work to advance gay and lesbian civil rights and answered questions from both students and teachers.

Why do I do it?

"I'll tell you why I care about gay and lesbian youth," Carmen told the approximately 50 workshop participants. "I think young lesbians and gay men deserve better than what I got when I was growing up. I care because I am tired of so-called respectable neonle in our society, like people in our society, like preachers and senators, spreading lies about us. And I care because the First care because the First Amendment of the Constitu-tion of the United States says that I have the right to associate with whomever I want, and the 14th Amendment



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"Working with LYRIC gives me an opportunity to go beyond working to protect my rights as an individual, and gives me the opportunity to further and protect the rights of another generation. rights of another generation of gay, lesbian, and bisexual people. I work with LYRIC because I think it is important that young lesbians, bisexuals, gay men, transgender people, gay men, transgender people, any questioning youth in San Francisco, and people of color can be openly gay, like myself, and in the case of a lesbians, don't have to spend half their lives wondering where the "out" Latina lesbians are — she's right here.
"I work with LYRIC basically because it's the right thing to do. A lot of adults here are afraid of associating with young people because

with young people because we're still being accused of rewe're still being accused of re-cruiting, or something like that. And because some gay, lesbian, and bi people are afraid that we might end up leaving our young people without role models; what they need to develop skills and their leadership potential. It is wrong to not support people because we are afraid of what people might say. My mother taught me that when I was a very young girl and I still believe it. As a lesbian of color, I have had to fight color, I have had to fight racism, homophobia, and sex-



The ACLU's letter to Presi dent Clinton measures 20 feet by 25 feet. (Photo: Judi Parks)

ism my entire life: I know what it means to have people who are not Latino, or not gay, or not female, standing with me in defense of my rights, and I really appreciate it a lot. It is time for me to give it back to young people. "And finally, I work with LYRIC because it's fun!"

Students and teachers asked far more questions than could be answered in the allotted time. Most questions requested panelists' first hand personal stories on the types of discrimination they've experienced, rejections by family and friends, and types of civil rights violations such as civil rights violations such as employment, housing, and street violence.

Out teachers talk

Two out gay teachers, Bar-bara Blinick and Derrick Tybara Blinick and Derrick Tynan-Connolly, provided valuable assistance to the panelists. Blinick, a Lowell High teacher who started the Gay/Straight Alliance at Lowell, talked about the city school district's Support Services for Gay and Lesbian Youth, where both teachers and students can bring homophobia-based school problems to the attention of Director Kevin Gogin at (415) 749-3400 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

and Thursdays.
Tynan-Connolly, an openly gay teacher for three years, discussed his own experiences with homophobia as a teacher under attack at the Herbert Hoover Middle School, where he taught prior to his current position on the teaching staff of the Larkin Street Youth Center. "I have found that the students were very open mind-ed, much more so than the other teachers and administrators, and that was very hard for me to see," he told the au-dience. "My students would stand up for me on the school ground with kids, or when other teachers would talk about me. When somebody wrote on my door 'Die Fag', the kids were more upset about it than I was, because I have become used to that kind of abuse.

used to that kind of abuse. They were so upset trying to get it off the door.

"It is really important to stand up for the rights of your friends." Tynan-Connolly reminded the students, "to hold hands and do the same things in school that anybody else does. It's scary to stand by a gay, lesbian, or bisexual person because of guilt by association, but somebody has to do it. If the school continues to tell the gay students that they don't have the same rights as don't have the same rights as the other students, the parents need to know they can contact CUAV or ACLU, and let the school know they cannot take away their rights. The courts have made it very clear that gays and lesbian students have the rights to take their dates to the prom and behave the same way that all other students do."

do."
After the workshop ended, Vazquez noted the outstanding job the ACLU has done for years fighting for gay and lesbian rights. "They've been there in the courts, rallies, events, and media," she told the B.A.R. "This panel is a natural extension of their commitment to gay rights issues.

natural extension of their commitment to gay rights issues.

"Most important, they didn't 'ghettoize' this. They didn't say 'AIDS panel' or [make it about] gays and lesbians in the military. They left it broad so the kids could see it as an issue that affects all our lives!"



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Military News

Military Personnel and Vets React to Gay Ban 'Compromise'

by Marghe Covino

"What is he, nuts?" Keith Meinhold asked about Barney Frank's endorsement of the so-called "don't ask, don't tell," compromise on gay and tell," compromise on gay and lesbian service in the military. "Anytime one compromises one's rights they cease to have rights," Petty Officer Meinhold said in an interview late Tuesday night. He said the compromise leaves the door wide open to continued persecution of gays and lesbians. "They will always have a weapon against us." However, Meinhold sees a glimmer of hope in the offer of compromise. "As biased as Nunn's hearings were, it was

Nunn's hearings were, it was still demonstrated that the policy has got to be changed. They've given up on every argument they used by relying on the 'don't talk, don't tell, policy," Meinhold said. "No longer do they say we're a security problem or that we're unable to do the job — they've even given up the argument that we're sexual predators — they're admitting to the prej Nunn's hearings were, it was

that we're sexual predators— they're admitting to the prej-udices of the non-gay troops.' Meinhold agrees with Colonel Margarethe Cammer-meyer that career enlisted personnel are the most ac-cepting and seem to have litcepting and seem to have lit-tle problem with gays and les-bians. Both said they thought that the younger troops would be open and accepting but found that not to be the

Case.
Cammermeyer, who testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee on May 11, asks, "What are they so



Petty Officer Keith Meinhold

afraid of? What does a compromise accomplish? It doesn't alter the existing practice. Gay and lesbian people will continue to live their lives at risk — in silence and under the persistent threat of being put at risk at someone else's call. The only thing I can say to Senator Nunn and his committee is there can be can say to Senator Nunn and his committee is there can be no compromise in terms of people who want to be 'all that they can be."

Cammermeyer said the compromise unfairly places one group in a position of power. "Non-gays can misuse that power just as they have

that power, just as they have

demonstrated their own capacity for misconduct for years." She termed the Uniform Code of Military Justice as a remnant of the "dark ages" and said it is ludicrous to set up a system in which ages and said it is indicrous to set up a system in which people have to lie — where the system can be selectively enforced. You simply don't make rules you can't enforce. What the hell does it mean? 'We don't ask and you don't ask and you don't What the field does in that.

We don't ask and you don't tell?' It's another unenforceable thing. The problem they're dealing with is how to create a compromise so they can all save face."

can all save face."

She said her hope is that sensibility will prevail and that anything less will be a tragic waste of energy. She sounded weary and disappointed as she said, "Unless the solution is sensible, we will just have to continue our bettle in the court."

will just have to continue our battle in the courts."

Lynn Strawbridge, founder of Twin Spirits Veterans Organization in Sacramento, also predicted further court battles. "This is still a white man's world," she said. "They're acting like little boys playing war — they've just got more expensive toys. They're not going to stop their investigations, they'll continue the persecution and spending taxpayer money on foolishness. Will they ask heterosexual soldiers to take off their wedding rings and deny their wives or husbands of many years? But they'll still demand that of us and we'll still be at the mercy of young, such kides with attitude probe. be at the mercy of young, punk kids with attitude problems.
"No thanks." ▼

U.S. Army Slaps Soldier of the Year

by David O'Connor

Two months ago when no one knew he was gay, Sergeant Jose Zuniga was considered one of the Army's best. Last week he was de-

moted.

What happened in between is that the highly decorated Zuniga came out publicly and decried the military ban on gays, citing himself as proof the policy is irrational.

Zuniga, named 1992 Soldier of the Year in March, will be honorably discharged May 20 for disclosing his sexual orientation. He had his rank reduced from serreant

trank reduced from sergeant to specialist 4, in what the Army calls a disciplinary measure for Zuniga's wearing a ribbon indicating he had won an award that the Army

won an award that the Army claims has not been approved. Zuniga was nominated for the Meritorious Service medal in April. When he came out nationally at the March on Washington, he wore the ribbon indicating he had won the award because he had been told by a Pentagon spokesperson that the honor had been approved, Zuniga said.

niga said.
"It's clearly a retaliatory move on the part of the

Army," Zuniga said. "It makes no sense. The charge of pin-ning an added award on an already highly decorated sol-dier — I didn't need to pin on another award in order be called highly decorated."

Besides being honored as Soldier of the Year, Zuniga has been named Military Journalist of the Year and he won the Combat Medical Badge the Combat Medical Badge while serving in the Persian Gulf. His other honors include five Army Commendation Medals, an Army Achievement Medal, a Kuwati Liberation Medal, a National Defense Medal, a Southwest Asia Medal and a Good Conduct Medal

duct Medal.

The demotion, which strips Zuniga of his noncommissioned officer's post, came after he held a press conference last week to announce he would accept an honorable discharge.

Demotion is the maximum punishment for his alleged offense, Zuniga said, and an oral reprimand is normal discipline for such an infraction.

The reduction in rank will set affect his henefits

t affect his benefits.
'They took away my rank, which is one of the most important things to a soldier," Zuniga told the Bay Area Re-



Still Sergeant to us Jose Zuniga (Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

porter. "Although it hurt me porter. Attnough it must he personally, in a way I'm glad because it shows people how the military really functions: they crush whatever they don't understand, whatever doesn't conform to their standards."

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But for the Soldier of the Year, this battle isn't over.

"It's just the beginning of the fight," Zuniga said. "My military career may be over but now my fight to lift the ban may begin." ▼

Pentagon: Clinton Can't Win

WASHINGTON (UPI) —
With just two months left to present President Clinton with a way to lift the ban on gays in the military, a Pentagon task force is now trying to craft a compromise on the contentious issue.

"They are drafting options which the secretary of defense can present to the president as the basis of an executive order," a Pentagon personnel policy spokesman, Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Doug Hart, said May 14.

"Rather than make firm recommendations," Hart said, "they will probably say: 'Here is what is on the plate.' They will include a wide variety of options."

But Pentagon officials who

options."
But Pentagon officials who asked not to be identified say mounting congressional and public opposition to lifting the ban make it likely that any executive order may have to be much more restrictive than Clinton originally antic

ipated.

"It may not go as far as some people wanted," acknowledged one official.

"Right now," he said, "we seem to be right at the crest of a tidal wave of opposition" to lifting the ban.

The central question is whether lesbians and gays will be allowed to identify themselves as such. Clinton has consistently said that a person's status alone should not be used against that person.

not be used against that person.

"What this whole debate is about," Clinton said earlier this week,"...is whether someone should be able to acknowledge, if asked or otherwise, homosexuality. ...

"I believe that there ought to be a presumption that peo-

to be a presumption that peo-ple ought to be able to serve their country unless they do

their country unless they do something wrong."
But opponents of lifting the ban, notably Senator Sam Nunn (D-Georgia), chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, oppose any such right of self-expression for homosexuals in the military. They argue that such an admission would disrupt discipline and unit cohesion.
Nunn, whose committee

Nunn, whose committee has been holding hearings on the question, has proposed a formula that, in effect, says to homosexuals: "We don't ask and you don't tell."

That is a rough and ready.

That is a rough and ready codification of a compromise reached between Nunn and reached between Nunn and Clinton when the president first moved to lift the gay ban last January. In doing so, Clinton ran into a barrage of opposition from Nunn as well as from the uniformed military, including the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Army General Colin Powell.

In order to end the impasse, the two sides agreed that a final decision on an executive order would be deferred until after July 15. In the interim, the armed series

the interim, the armed services would cease asking recruits about their sexual ori-

For the same period, the services would be allowed to transfer any members who acknowledged homosexuality into the standby reserve, thus taking them off active duty and ending their pay, but not fully removing them from the military as had previously been done.

Both sides in the debate

agree that homosexual conduct by military conduct by military personnel should not be allowed, a fact that appears to have been lost much of the American public.

Not only are homosexual Not only are homosexual acts made criminal by the Uniformed Code of Military Justice, but service regulations govern a wide range of nonsexual behavior, including weight, haircuts and physical fitness. Among those activities prohibited are open displays of affection between uniformed personnel, even if they are married.

"I support the present code of conduct," Clinton said in his Friday press conference, even as he testily brushed off questions about the gay ban issue. "You know what my position is," he snapped. "I have nothing else to say about it."

"The president," commented one Pentagon official, "has gotten himself into a no-win position. No matter what he orders in July, he's going to

antagonize a lot of people and neither side is going to quit."
Nunn's committee hearings, which began with eyeglazing testimony from legal scholars and sociologists, began pushing hotter buttons earlier this week. It visited Norfolk Naval Base, where committee members and the seeping guarters and ed the sleeping quarters and toilet facilities aboard a sub-marine as television cameras recorded the cramped condi-tions.

Back in Washington, the photogenic Marine Corps photogenic Marine Corps spokesman only recently returned from Somalia, Colonel Fred Peck, transfixed the committee when he testified that there was no room in the military for his own son because he was a homosexual.

Peck, who expressed his love for his son, despite his sexual orientation, expressed

sexual orientation, expressed fear for the young man's safety if he ever joined the Marines, some of whose members, Peck said, might kill an openly gay person.

Military Briefs

by David O'Connor

Letters Needed to Lift the Ban

Bay Area Military Freedom Project has sample letters available that people can send to members of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees. The Freedom Project is also organizing a contingent of lesbian and gay veterans to march in the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade. The Freedom Project is continuing to collect discharge papers from lesbian and gay service personnel. It also seeks volunteers to pass out postcards in the Castro. For information on any of these topics, call (415) 306-0477.

Statistics Mixed on Lifting Ban

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The Campaign for Military Service, a coalition of gay groups lobbying to lift the military ban, released a survey showing most Americans support equal rights for lesbians and gays. The report also shows most Americans oppose discharging gay personnel who have not violated any rules.

In the survey, 71 percent of respondents said gays should have the same rights as everyone else; 69 percent said that gay and lesbian personnel who have performed well and haven't broken any rules should not be discharged; and 62 percent said the military should support President Clinton if he issues an order lifting the ban against lesbians and gays.

The findings come from a study that included six group discussions in Dayton, Ohio; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Tampa Florida. The discussions were followed by a random phone survey of 1,000 registered voters conducted March 26-31.

The results conflict with a Wall Street Journal/INBC News poll taken before the April 25 March on Washington. That poll showed 43 percent of Americans in favor of allowing open gays to serve in the military and 47 percent opposed.

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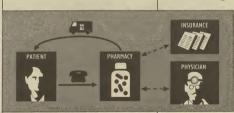
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First Lady — and Second — **Testify on Mental Illness**

by Juliana Gruenwald

WASHINGTON (UPI) Care for mental illnesses and substance abuse will be part of the administration's health reform plan, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton said

May 13.
While not getting into specifics, Clinton said the plan would include mental health and substance abuse treatment as part of a basic benefits package for all Amerbenefits package for all Americans, regardless of pre-existing conditions or employ-

"We have to change our cultural understanding of what health and sickness are. It will be more cost-effective if we do that," Clinton told a forum on women's health is-sues. "People who have sub-stance abuse problems often are more difficult to treat for other kinds of illnesses."

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Clinton, who chairs the president's health care task force, said the overall health reform package would emphasize primary care, encouraging health care providers to look at their patients as

aging nearth care providers to look at their patients as "whole persons."

Current reimbursement programs "undermine the doctor-patient relationship" and pay more for "the least personal intervention," she

The administration's plan would encourage primary and preventive care, including in-creasing the number of general practictioners, she said. A basic benefits package would be provided to every American, regardless of health or

employment status.
Only if health coverage is

provided to every person can costs be contained, she said. "The \$50 Tylenol enables the emergency room of the lothe emergency room of the local hospital to care for the uninsured," she said, referring to the common practice of "cost-shifting" — billing insured persons for costs of treating people who lack insurance or otherwise cannot pay for care.

"We can't have cost containment without universal access [to health care] reimbursed at a fair rate," she said.

said.
"There is a relationship between individual health and social well-being. It is about the vision of the kind of peo-ple we can become if we have

an ethos of caring."

Earlier, Tipper Gore, the vice president's wife, lobbied a Senate committee to include mental illness and substance abuse coverage in any

stance abuse coverage in any health care package. Gore, who serves as men-tal illness advisor to the pres-ident's health care task force, said there has been "remark-able and unheralded changes that have taken place in the mental health and substance abuse field over the past few

"But during this time of exciting advances, there has not been commensurate changes in the services for, or attitutes toward, the mentally

attitutes toward, the mentally ill and it is clear to me that public policy has not caught up with the new reality."

Gore and Senator Pete Domenici (R-N.M.) testified before the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee on the need to assure that a national health care plan extend full coverage to the men-tally ill and substance abuse sufferers.

Both Gore and Domenici

have been active in pursuing civil rights for those who suffer from problems of substance abuse and mental ill-

"There is no question that the new civil rights issue in the United States is the civil rights for the severely mentally ill," said Domenici, who has a child who suffers from mental illness. "There is one group of Americans being discriminated against and dealt with metally." with unfairly,

Many people have the per-ption that mental illness ception that mental illness cannot be diagnosed and is untreatable. Domenici said this is a myth, compounded by this group having difficulty in obtaining extensive in-surance coverage for mental illness treatment.

"Basic to the changes that must be made is the elimina-tion of the stigma surround-ing mental illnesses," Gore said. "The reality is that one in four individuals will expe-rience mental illness during their lifetime."

By ignoring the needs of the mentally ill and substance

the mentally ill and substance abuse sufferers, society has contributed to other social and health care problems, such as homelessness, accidents, suicides and intra-family abuse, she said.

Both Gore and Domenici said society's costs for dealing with these issues outweighs the amount it would cost to adequately care for people who suffer from these problems

CUAV Community Watch

Self Defense Is an Attitude

by Community United Against Violence Staff

ne of the decisions every person needs to make, when choosing to consciously prevent to consciously prevent being bashed, is the decision about self-defense. Some people insist that taking self-defense classes or becoming proficient in some martial art is the best, most empowering method of protecting oneself. Others feel that learning self-defense is choosing widelense. defense is choosing violence over non-violence. This is a de-cision that individuals have to

make for themselves.
Community United Against
Violence (CUAV), while advo-Violence (CUAV), while advocating non-violence, believes that people should have the information they need to make the decisions that are right for them. Toward this end, CUAV tries to provide information about almost all available options. In this column, CUAV will suggest a course of events and actions that can help to prevent being bashed, as well as some basic pointers for how to fight back — if that is your choice.

Be prepared!

Statistics and crime reports consistently show that anti-lesbian/gay attacks are planned in advance. The bashers look for and hunt their victims. Obviously, they look for people who they can overpower. Hence, make sure that when you walk down the street you do not

street, you do not look like, feel like, or believe that you can be over-powered. Safety awareness does not start with strength. It starts with attitude!

with attitude!

If you see,
sense, hear, or feel danger
coming, don't focus on what
could happen to you. Breathe
deeply. Acknowledge your
fear and use that adrenaline
rush that comes with fear acfear and use that adrenaline rush that comes with fear as an energy resource. If you get that rush of fear, breathe, acknowledge it, and immediately begin to act in ways that shout — I am strong and not a victim. Look confident and walk tall. Make eye contact and don't show fear. Keep your wits about you — if you suspect danger, get away from it. Stay alert and don't be intimidated by verbal threats or harassment. harassment.

Trust your instincts!

If that little voice inside of If that little voice inside of you says something is wrong, listen, listen, Listen, And then act on it. It is right! Do whatever you need to do to acknowledge that your instinct is telling you there is danger or trouble lurking. Cross the street. If you are walking with someone, tell them what you are feeling — maybe they feel it too. Duck into a store, a bar, or under a streetlight. Make noise, act crazy. Do whatever it takes to make you feel safer and put your instinct voice to and put your instinct voice to

Know when to run!

This is an old and trusted maxim: Self-defense means maxim: Self-defense means safety first. If you can run and you have the opportunity to get away by running, by all means, RUN. There is nothing to prove by staying to fight if you don't have to in order to save your life. It is probably better to feel humiliated for running away than to be bashed and/or dead. Humiliation can be turned into pride and wisdom. and wisdom.

Fighting back!

The following are well known tips for self-defense fighting back. While CUAV provides these to increase people's knowledge of how to fight back, we encourage people to take self-defense classes so that they become more acceptance. so that they become more ex-pert in using these techniques and get experience using them in a safe and supportive environment.

ronment.

If you have no choice but to fight, fight with everything you have got. Your goal isn't to hurt someone. Your goal is to guarantee your own safety. Also remember, it won't be a fair fight. There is no referee to keep it fair. It wasn't fair to begin with.

Legs are more powerful.

Legs are more powerful and effective than arms. Use them by kicking to your as-sailant's shins — and kick hard.

After you kick,
do not wait
around. Get

around. Get away if you can. If you can't get away, keep kicking low and hard aiming, if you can, for knee-caps, insteps, and shins.
Other vulner

able areas on an attackers body and what you can do to them are: jam your knee into the attacker's groin; wrench the little finger, trying to break it; punch to the solar plexus with an umbrella, cane, elbow, or fist; poke to the hol-low of the throat with fingers slam the heel of your hand up under the nose and push in and up at the same time.

We make these techniques available to you so that you can get a better understanding of your options and find the motivation to take a self-defense class. Only through proper training can an individual be fully prepared and skilled to use the techniques mento use the techniques men-tioned above. But then again, if in a pinch, better to have some options. Knowledge is power. Let's get really power-

For more information on self-defense classes, call CUAV. We have lesbian/gay friendly resources for men, women, and children. (Note: some of the information above was gleaned from the I.R.A.T.E. Anti-Bashing Project manual, and from an article written by Charles Herschberg in *First Hand*, Winter, 1981.) ▼

CUAV is a non-profit agency that works to prevent hate violence against lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender persons and promotes personal and community safety. The agency also provides counseling, advocacy and referral to people who are bashed or who are battered in same sex domestic violence. For services or more information, call (415) 777-5500. If you are bashed or battered and need help, call our 24-hour CrisisLine at (415) 333-HELP. The agency's offices are located at 973 Market Street, Suite 500, San Francisco. ▼



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GLAAD Media Watch

Certified Censors

by Al Kielwasser

ertified Ad Services of Fresno refused to print the catalog for the 17th San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival because the catalog's cover included an image of "two men kissing" Preserves of the film fair". ing." Presenters of the film festival were informed that press workers found the image "offensive." The image is a reproduction of a STOP AIDS educational of a STOP AIDS educational poster that previously appeared in public transit shelters throughout the Bay Area, headlined "If I tell him I'm positive, will I ever see him again?" The catalog has since been printed by Honeywell & Todd, of San Francisco.

Let Certified Ad Services know what is truly offensive: Homophobia. Contact Mike Walsburg, Managing Director, Certified Ad Services, P.O. Box 12025, Fresno, CA 93776, tel. 209-233-1891.

Frameline, presenters of the film festival, can be contacted at 346 Ninth Street, San Francisco, CA 94103, tel. 415-703-8650. For a free copy of the "offending" catalog, call 415-431-9227.

Paula Poundstone

Announcing her mission to "go places" and "learn things," comedy performer Paula Poundstone went to Colorado Springs to investigate the organized homophobia behind Amendment 2. Says Poundstone: "I thought I'd find

Poundstone: "I thought I'd find the source of the problem, like lead paint or something."
What she learned is that the religious right, rather than lead paint, is source of much of the hatred being whipped up in the Hate State. With incisive wit, Poundstone offers field notes from her journey in the May/June issue of Mother Jones magazine.
While in Colorado Springs, Poundstone put up fifteen anti-Amendment 2 billboards throughout the city. In the large text of each billboard, Poundstone asks Colorado voters to consider this:

Colorado voters to consider this:
"Maybe you misunderstood the
question. No one is asking you to
have sex with gay people, just to
give them equal protections under
the law."

Comments can be sent in care of *Mother Jones*, 1663 Mission Street, Ste. 200, San Francisco, CA 94103, or you can fax Paula at 415-863-5136.

Waxing Homophobic

A few months ago, the American Family Association (AFA) and Christian Leaders for Responsible Television (CLeaR-TV) — national organizations dedicated to tional organizations dedicated to defaming lesbian, gay and bisexual people — launched a boycott against the S. C. Johnson Wax company. Why? Because, according to the AFA, Johnson Wax is one of the "leading sponsors" of television programs filled with "filth." The AFA is pressuring Johnson Wax to stop buying ad time during such programs as Golden Palace, which — the AFA asserts— is well-known for its "lesbian innuendo." innuendo

Unfortunately, it now appears that the AFA has managed to in-undate Johnson Wax with calls undate Johnson Wax with calls and letters, and the company might be caving in to the bigots' demands. Thomas R. Conrardy, of Johnson Wax's Consumer Resource Center, recently stated: "We share the concerns of the American Family Association and its subsidiary CLeaRTV. ... We have communicated with the AFA/CLeaR-TV and we've sent them lists of television programs that we purposely avoided advertising on because we felt their content was inappropriate."

Encourage Johnson Wax to resist the horopolypes and to compare the content was inappropriate.

Encourage Johnson Wax to resist the homophobes and to continue supporting quality television programs with lesbian, gay, and bisexual content. Also, ask for a copy of the company's Advertising Policy, as well as copies of the "lists" given to AFA members.

Contact Thomas R. Conrardy, Director, Consumer Resource Center, S. C. Johnson Wax, 1525 Howe Street, Racine, WI 53403-5011, telephone (414) 631-2000.

Library Journal

The April 15, 1993, issue of the national magazine Library Journal includes an article by Eric Bryant, "Making Things Perfectly Queer," Bryant's article advises library staff on ways to improve services to lesbians, gays and bisexuals, and how to put together a program for National Lesbian and Gay Book Month. The author interviewed over 50 librarians, publishers and booksellers, and he provides a wide range of resource material.

Send feedback to Bette-Lee

Send feedback to Bette-Lee Send feedback to Bette-Lee Fox, Managing Editor, Library Journal, 249 West 17th Street, New York, NY 10011. For more information about National Lesbian and Gay Book Month, contact Publisher's Triangle, c/o Michele Karlsberg, 585 North Railroad Avenue, Penthouse, Staten Island, NY 10304.

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Take a look around your branch of the public library. Are the books about our community located next to books about pedophilia and incest? Unfortunately, they probably are. The Dewey Decimal System, used to number and assign books to shelf locations, classifies lesbian, gay and bisexual material with numbers based on the code for "sexually deviant" subjects. Whether the books are about our civil rights or coming out, they all tend to fall in coming out, they all tend to fall in the same, potentially-misleading (if not antiquated and demeaning)

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Fundamental Hatred

The various fundamentalists organizations that make up the so-called "religious right" have stepped up their hate campaigns across the country, spreading ho-mophobic lies in order to increase their financial profits. Each day, these organizations send out tens of thousands of letters calling for everything from keeping the military ban to instituting the "Death Penalty for Homosexuals." Monitoring this flood of hatred is necessary to successfully fight the essary to successfully light the right. You can get on the mailing lists of the leading homophobic groups simply by writing to them and asking for more information. And if you do, please keep GLAAD posted!

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The only way to cure homophobia is to confront it! Notify the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, of all defamations, and if possible supply us with documentation. Our office number is 415-861-4588; South Bay Hotline 408-235-0229; East Bay Hotline 510-273-9146; fax 415-861-4893. Our mailing address is GLAAD/SFBA, 514 Castro St., Suite B, San Francisco, CA 94114.

National News

JAMA Rejects Anti-Homophobia Ad

The Journal of the American Medical Association has rejected an advertisement for a national lesbian and gay medical society, according to

the physician's group.

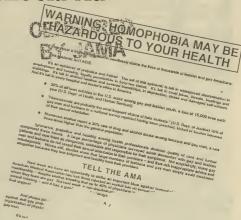
The American Association of Physicians For Human Rights attempted to place the full-page \$7,000 ad warning physicians about the negative

physicians about the negative consequences of homophobia, but JAMA nixed the copy, saying it was "political" and "unscientific."

JAMA's censorship was condemned by AAPHR Executive Director Benjamin Schaltz, who pointed out that the journal had previously accepted ads from pharmaceutical manufacturers criticizing drug price controls and ads drug price controls and ads from the military recruiting physicians.

"For gay physicians, excluded by the military's antigay policies, military recruitment ads in JAMA are intensely political. It is hypocritical for JAMA to accept ads. from those who discriminate against gay physicians but to reject ads that attempt to expose such discrimination," Schatz told the Bay Area Re-

porter.
"It's absurd for a publication that has accepted ads extolling the health benefits of Cocoa Crispies and fast food,



to reject an ad from a physician's group as unscientific," he said. Schatz said the AAPHR advertisement was "a sober scientific discussion of pressing health issues such as teen suicide, anti-gay violence, substance abuse, and misdiagnoses of gay patients by poorly informed physicians."

"The biased rejection by a medical journal of an ad criticizing homophobia in medicine dramatically underscores the very need for the ad. The fact is that homophobia is a health hazard and all

physicians have an ethical obligation to combat it. AAPHR will continue to be in the forefront of these efforts," said Larry Prater, forts," said Larry Prater, M.D., an Oklahoma physician. Prater, president of

Prater, president of AAPHR, urged gay and lesbian physicians and medical students to attend the annual meeting of the American Medical Association in Chicago June 13-15 to show their support for a resolution opposing sexual orientation discrimination by the AMA. Such a resolution has been rejected four times by the group.

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mfort at her home on Monday, May 3, 1993, with friends and fam-ily at her side. She was a beau-tiful, sensitive, caring woman who touched all those she met.

Amy was born October 4, 1967 Helen Bechtel in

stepheness, CA, where she grew up the st child in a family of seven children, in graduated with academic honors om Sherman E. Burroughs High hool in June 1985.

Athletic and involved. Ridgecrest, CA, whe last child in a family She graduated with

Athletic and involved, Amy was a competitive swimmer throughout her younger years. She swam for her local

younger years. She swam for her local high school and aquatic club. In 1985 she earned the HS Captains Award and the Dicky Dye Memorial Most Inspirational Swimmer Award.

Amy enrolled at San Francisco State University. While at SFSU, she was a member of the university swim team.

She graduated from SFSU in January, 1990 with a B.A. in English.

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Following graduation, Amy worked for a temp service and finally landed a permanent position at Levi Strauss & Co. in the employee relations ad-ministration. Working at LS&Co. brought Amy enormous happiness and peace of mind. LS&Co. substantiated their reputation for support of HIV.

peace of mind. LS&Co. substantiated their reputation for support of HIV-positive employees during her illness. Visiting Nurses and Hospice of SF and the care of friends and family members allowed Amy to be at home during her last few months. The family wishes to thank Val Robb, RN, and Catherine Lyons, SFGH, for their compassion, support and friendship during the difficult times

passion, support and friendship during the difficult times.

Ms. Bechtel is survived by her boyfriend, Frank Murphy; parents, Lester and Helen Bechtel; siblings Bob and Mary Bechtel; Wayne and Millie Bechtel; Carla and Don Ritenour, Joyce and Don Lapiere; Charles and Bocky Bechtel; Will Bechtel; friends Sybil Ajay, Stacey James, Ginger Diekmann, Heidi Hueber, and Darry Fisher.

Prior to her death, Ms. Bechtel asked that any contributions be made to the following organizations Project Inform,

following organizations Project Inform, 1965 Market St., SF 94110; SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Av., SF 94142; or the AIDS Emergency Fund, 1550 California St., #7, SF 94109. ▼

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Frederick Charles Schultz April 6, 1951-May 3, 1993

In Oakland, May 3, Fred moved on to



Fred moved on to be with his cree tor after a long, courageous battle. He is survived by his son, Frederick Charles, Jr., of Cleveland, OH, mother, Ruby L. Schultz; adop-tive father, Primis Leroy Schultz; sisters, Primis Schultz; sisters L

Doris L.

Meredith and Barbara A. Merriweather of Radcliff, KY; and brother, Raymond E. Schultz, of Dallas TX. He is also survived by a number of loving friends and colleagues who offered immeasurable support and kindness to Fred and his

family.

Born in Pensacola, FL, Fred made his home in the Bay Area after serving in the United States Army, a service distinguished by his honorable discharge (1970-75). After years of study and hard work, Fred realized a dream his part of the state of by becoming a real estate broker, most recently with Mason McDuffie realtors.

recently with Mason McDuffie realtors. Frederick was put to rest at sea on May 7 to be with his longtime companion Joseph S. Graziano, who preceeded him in 1987. May you both rest, eternally, in peace my brother and friend. Donations may be made to Project Open Hand, 2720 17th St., SF, 94110. ▼

Michael E. Clark

May 7, 1993



a nurse.
Mike was a
Wisconsin native
and U.W. graduate. He moved from Chicago to

over a year ago to fulfill a life-long goal Mike was actively involved in Chicago softball, which he would discuss

spunky determination and wicked sense of humor. Not many of us escaped without one of his nicknames. Mike taught us to "go for it," and to live life to the fullest.

A celebration of his life will be held at 1 p.m., May 23, at 1727 Noe.

Mark Barrera 1956-1993



wed to San Fran cisco in 1975 from San Ber-nadino County. Mark will always be remembered in every way, especially his smile of laughter. A man to him-self, he had a gift

of conversation that you wouldn't believe. He was one who did not complain about his pain, but certainly would bitch if he did not like the situation. I, Garr, will miss Mark forever, but Iknow his life lives on, and for those he he had not we shall remite one again. I know his lite lives on, and for those he left behind, we shall reunite once again. Until then, Mark's birthday was June 8, and so Mark will once again celebrate his birth. May all of those who knew him set aside time in your heart and pray for Mark and those who are special to you.

Stephen Schwartz May 23, 1956-May 2, 1993



whay A, 1993
ected departure
when he suffered
a heart attack
Sunday morning
while riding his
beloved motorcycle, Ruby.
Stephen was born and raised Fitchburg MA, by loving

parents. He at-tended Brandeis University and oston Architectural Center before coming the bi-coastal man we all

He moved to the City by the Bay in 1985 and had been residing in San Leano for the past year with his significant

other, Greg Gordon.

He was very well known for his Gourmet Jewelry which consists of earnings, broaches and his infamous Bolo ties. Certainly one of a kind, just like the

Stephen was employed at Pacific Bell in Operator Services for the past four in Operator Services for the past four years performing as the true Gemini he was. His ability to interact with so many personalities and still maintain the pro-fessional level of his service is deeply

He is survived by his parents Eincland Anna Schwartz, two brothers and

honor of Stephen on May 23, his 37th birthday, at the Borderline, 298 8th Street, in San Francisco, from 5 p.m. to

9 p.m. He is now the angel we've all known

Robert J. LaBombard Nov. 13, 1949-April 25, 1993

of April 25, at Ralph K. Davies Medical Center Formerly of Rouses Point New York Robert worked for the Veterans Administration

Administration
in Albany, New
York, before
moving to San
Francisco in
1974. He continued with the Veterans
Administration here in San Francisco
as an electrician until his death.
Robert also worked as a volunteer for

Robert also worked as a volunteer for Ellipse, a local Bay Area AIDS Organ-Emisse, a local Bay Area ALIS Organization. Many people with the AIDS virus were the recipients of his tireless and unselfish caregiving through this organization. Robert also worked as a volunteer at Glide Memorial Church feeding the hungry and homeless.

primary affiliation has been with The Fifteen.
Ed is survived by his cousin Denise Ziony of San Francisco and his close friend Bill Donovan of Cheverly, Md. No memorial service is planned,

No memorial service is plainted, however, those friends who would like to gather for a simple farewell toast are invited to meet at the SF Eagle on Saturday afternoon, May 22, at 4 p.m. Contributions in Ed's memory should be sent to Blind San Franciscans. ▼

Thomas Russell Grow June 26, 1957-May 10, 1993



adelphia and raised in Levit-town, Pennsyl-vania, Tom spent

most of his adult life in San Francisco.
He worked for Pacific Bell until the spring of 1987, earning the respect of coworkers and her operator, "Stella."

Tom lived life to its fullest. Most important ot him, after himself, were the people he loved. He was a vibrant and giving man no matter what difficulties he faced. Tom's inner strength amazed

He loved shooting pool, travelling in "Heather," beading, listening to Janis, collecting frogs and hanging out with family or friends Favorite places were his flat, friend's homes, the Cliff House, the Rose Garden and, yes, Pilsner Inn. "Rack'em, Girl!"

Tom is lovingly remembered by his mother, Betty; father, Frank; brother, Jim; sisters, Beverly and Karen; his beloved nephew, lan; and many friends from all walks of life.

Memorial services were held for Tom on Wednesday, May 12. Gifts in his memory may be given to Visiting Nurses and Hospice of San Francisco, 1390 Market St., SF 94102. ▼

Peter Jeremko April 27, 1950-April 15, 1993 of the premier gay athletes

in the country, began life in Minneapolis and ended it, all too soon, after an eight-year long and painful fight against death from AIDS (K.S.)

befriended many and enjoyed his lov-ing relationship with Fred. He became one of the first and finest players in the C.S.L. (thanks, Irene). Peter played hard, but he could party Peter played nard, but he could party even harder. Few are left to mourn his loss, but his legend will live forever. We went to many places together — how could you take the biggest trip of all without me?

nout me? I'here will never be another you.'

Edwin W. Streeter

Nov. 22, 1933-May 16, 1993

Ed Streeter, activist/outniteer for the blind, died of AIDS-related illness, May 16 at his home in San Francisco. Ed was born in Hawaii, raised in the San Diego area, and moved to San Francisco after his honorable discharge from the Navy. his honorable discharge from the Navy. In 1969, Ed earned an associate degree in chemistry from City College of San Francisco and subsequently was employed by Stauffer Chemical in Richmond, CA. Following a serious motorcycle accident in 1976 that left him legally blind, he retired on disability. Upon recovering from all the other effects of the accident he began to actively work on behalf of other visually handicapped people. His volunteer efforts included being a docent for the handicapped at the DeYoung Museum and serving on the Board of Directors for Blind San Franciscans.

Ed is remembred by many friends as a popular entertainer at motorcycle run shows. After several years with the California Motor Club, he joined the Barbary Coasters. In recent years his

Iack Wayne Hamm Aug. 20, 1948-April 2, 1993



been in reason-ably good health until developing a B-Cell lymphoma five months ago.

completed a college degree at Boulder and then moved to SF in 1971

Boulder and then moved to Sr in 1971. He worked as a grocery clerk for Cala foods in the Haight. In 1977, he met his closest friend and companion, Mike. They began restoring Victorian flats in SF, Jack soon changed his occupation to that of a professional electrician and worked primarily for the gay com-

Jack will be remembered most of all for her generosity. Throughout the years, especially the AIDS epidemic, lack would always help out friends and acquaintances both emotionally acquaintances both emotionally and financially. He offered many of his friends with advanced AIDS a comfor-table and loving home environment in which to spend their last days. Jack was affectionately known as "mother."

Jack is survived by his mother, Reba; and father, Franklin; of Denver. Brothers Don and Rodney, and a sister, Dian Mathias; all of Colorado. Also his closest friend, Mike Casso of Guerneville, as well as numerous friends in SF, NY City, New Orleans, San Antonio, Galveston, and Berthoud.

Special appreciation has been ex-pressed by the family for Daniel Hyland, who provided faithful care for Jack right up to the end. As per Jack's will, there will be no ser-

Jack's favorite charities included Project Open Hand, 2720 17th St., SF 94110, and the Community Thrift Shop. Any contributions in his memory would be

appreciated.
So long Jack ... ▼

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Vincent Louis DeGenova June 3, 1952-May 1, 1993



was born June 3, 1952 in Schenec-tady, N.Y., and passed on May 1, 1993 in his home in San Francisco with his devoted friend and lover of ten years, Lance Edwards, at his side. Preat his side. Pre-ceded in death by his mother,

by his mother, Christine, Vince is also survived by his loving father, Louis DeGenova, dear sister and brother-in-law, Cheryl and Tony Amiccuei and nephew Nicholas and Christopher, who their Uncle Vince adored, as well as caring uncles and aunts and loved cousins. Vince leaves behind many fond friends who cherish him and Petals Marie, constant companion and faithful Pug Longtime employee of the University of California, San Francisco (1979-1993). Vince engaged in the art and science of nursing while evolving and excelling in both his career and education. At the

nursing while evolving and excelling in both his career and education. At the time of his passing, Vince had retired from his position and trust as the Clinical Research Recruiting Coordinator for the UCSF AIDS Program at San Francisco General Hospital. During the course of his career, Vince was a mentor and inspiration to his peers both personally and professionally. Vince's commitment has made a lasting contribution to AIDS research. a lasting contribution to AIDS research

a lasting contribution to AILDS research.

Donations in his memory may be made to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave., SF 94142, or to any other AIDS affiliated organization of one's choice. Vince's ashes are at rest in the Adirondacks where he spent his boyhood summers.

his boyhood summers.

Rites of remembrance will occur

Thursday, June 3, 1993, at 12:30 p.m. at
the Comfort Garden, 995 Potrero at
22nd St., San Francisco General

Hospital. Please join us in commemorating Vince.

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Paul McGlone (Abigail) Really!



Active in the community for many years, Abigail was a spark-plug for Easterama Baskets for AIDS patients, and a steady Tessic's many diner and fund raiser without

Thank goodness for our "no-titles." The darlings make a difference and the nunity is very grateful for their

There will be a celebration of Paul's life on Sunday, May 23, from 2-4 p.m. at the Kokpit.

Goodbye, dear Abbie. ▼

George E.L. Stewart Aug. 6, 1929-May 10, 1993

Died in San Francisco, of AIDS
related complications. Beloved
brother of Margaret Luker of
Carmel, Cather-



ine Thompson of Pebble Beach, Jean Wooliever, of Carmel, and

of Carmel, and Sandy Stewart, Esq., deceased. B.A., M.B.A., Stanford University; Member, Bohemian Club, Olympic Club, S.F. Historical Society, active in the preservation of Cottage Row and in support of the Lesbian and Gay Non-Partisan Alliance. Generous host to generations of skiers at his ski lodge and generations of skiers at his ski lodge and cabin at Tahoe City. A loyal friend, a vigorous athlete, and a proud gay American. A memorial service will be held 4:00 p.m., Friday, May 21, 1993 at the Calvary Presbyterian Church, in the Kit Stewart Chapel, Fillmore at Jackson Street, San Francisco.

Everett Denman

May 18, 1959-May 5, 1993



and people with AIDS. He found-AIDS. He founded the Sacramento chapter of ACT UP, helped to organize many marches on the State Capitol (inclusto march), and most

ding the AB 101 Veto march), and most recently organized a rally at the State Capitol for National Coming Out Day Capitol for National Coming Out Day in October. Everett was active in the San Francisco activist community after moving here to be with his lover, Evan, in 1990. He is being honored by the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Democratic Club for his community service at the celebration of Harvey Milk's birthday, Harvey Does Pacific Heights.

Heights.
Everett wanted his work to continue and passed the torch of his activism on to Evan and his friends. We intend to safe for everyone. We thank Everett for

sale for everyone. We thank Everett for the many gifts he gave us. Everett is survived by his lover, Evan Deerfield; his parents, Gene and Richard Denman; his brothers, David and Richard; and many, many friends. He will be terribly missed by all of us.

Alexander Mendizabel May 15, 1946-April 27, 1993



to AIDS-related lymphoma of the brain at approximately 8:30 p.m. on April 27, after bravely living with AIDS for three years. He passed away peacefully at his home in Campbell, CA, surrounded by his loving life part-

rounded by his loving life part-ner of 13 years, Jay Rubenstein, his mother Tita, and his business partner and former lover, Sal Accardi. Inter-ment was in the family mausoleum in Antigua, Guatemala. He was 46 years

old.

Alex was born in New York City on
May 15, 1946, but was raised in
Guatemala. He was the loving son of
Berta (Tita) Diaz and Efrain Men-

Berta (11ta) Diaz and Estrain Mendizabal.

Alex took great pride in the garden area that he created there. His green thumb and love for flowers inspired the garden oasis in the middle of San Jose. Alex was involved with the gay community for many years. In 1979-1980, Alex reigned as Emperor III, Alex of Casa, Inc., San Jose. Although not Mexican, he still liked to put on Cinco de Mayo celebrations for the Community. Alex loved country music and enjoyed traveling with Jay all over the United States and to Guatemala, Mexico, and Israel. In September, 1989, he achieved sobriety, from which he never waivered. He was a devoted parent to Snoopy, his He was a devoted parent to Snoopy, his

adoring beagle.

Alex was a proud gay man, in touch with his Guatemalan heritage. Loving, generous and trusting, he set an example of moral integrity and personal commitment that can scarcely be equalled. He will be loved and fondly remembered for ever by his friends and

loved ones.
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Obituary Policy

Due to an unfortunately large number of obituaries Bay Area Reporter has been forced to change its obituary

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Write name of person on back of photo. If you include a stamped envelope to have the photo returned, please write the person's name on the inside of the envelope flap.

Deadline for all obituaries is Monday at 5 p.m.

Community News

AIDS Activists Scatter Ashes On the Floor of the Capitol

by Dennis Conkin

The ashes of a San Francisco gay man who died of AIDS were laid to rest in Washington, D.C., the day after the historic March on Washington, D.C., the day atter the historic March on Washington last month, but they weren't scattered at sea or placed in an urn — they were dumped on the floor of the United States Senate.

That's what Ricky Weil said he wanted as he lay dying last December, according to his former wife and best friend of 20 years, Carol Kleinmaier.

"It was important to both of us." Kleinmaier told the Bay

of us," Kleinmaier told the Bay

of us," Kleinmaier told the Bay Area Reporter. At about 2 p.m. on April 26, Kleinmaier and Peter Brown, Jason Bishop, and Ray Russ — better known to local AIDS activists as 'Barbie Jesus' — arrived at the Senate

Jesus' — arrived at the Senate for a tour conducted by a Senate tour guide.

"There were a lot of people on the floor, but the Senate was not in session. There were just visitors," Kleinmaier said.

Despite the fact that an estimated one million lesbians and gays were in the capitol for the March, there were very few gay people touring the Senate the day after, she said.

"It was mostly school kids and tourists," Kleinmaier

As the tour entered a bal-cony gallery area where visi-tors sit and watch the Senate conduct its business, Klein-maier and her friends waited until they could take the ac-

until they could take the action.

"We stood up and dumped the ashes and tossed our flyers into the air. They fell 50 or 60 feet to the Senate floor. It was beautiful," she said The reaction of the tour guide surprised Kleinmaier.

"She said, 'Oh sir, you shouldn't desecrate the hall of the Senate," Kleinmaier, a lesbian, recalled with a laugh.

Senate guards and federal police were called, and as the

police were called, and as the activists moved to another area to wait for the police, the scene was cordoned off and the rest of the tourists were moved to another part of the

moved to another part of the gallery.

"At one point, as soon as it happened and they had left the area, one of the guards asked me if I was part of the thing and said I had to leave," said Peter Brown, Weil's lover.

Brown's role in the non-vi-

Brown's role in the non-violent civil disobedience was to act as an observer to see that the activists were not roughed up — and to bail them out of jail, if necessary.

And, said Brown, even one of the guards, a sergeant, told his fellow officers that he was sympathetic toward the quartet, understood the reasons for the action, and advocated for the group's release.

It turns out bail wasn't needed.

needed.

Discussions among the two law enforcement agencies turned up no charges on which to arrest the group, so after 20 minutes, the activists were let go and no charges were filed.

were filed.
"It was probably the most



Peter Brown (left), Ray Russ, Carol Kleinmaier and Jason Bishop threw ashes from AIDS deaths on the U.S. Senate floor.

emotionally intense act of civil disobedience that I've ever done," said Jason Bishop.

Bishop said he "was blown out of the water" when he overheard the police sergeant explain to colleagues that he understood the reasons for the

The flyers the group scat-tered with Weil's ashes ex-plained that the action was

also about "the ashes of our friends and lovers and mothers and fathers," as well as a way on honoring Weil's

way on honoring Weil's request.

Kleinmaier said that although she had been "scared as hell" about the action, that confronting her fear directly "was totally liberating."

"I know why I did it and I feel very clear about it," she said.

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Community



A lone protestor remembers, "never again," at the Holocaust Museum.

For Gay Bay Area Man:

Holocaust Coincidence Echoes Across Decades, Nations

by Marv. Shaw

A compellingly dramatic feature of the newly-opened Holocaust Museum in Washriolocaust Museum in wasn-ington, D.C., brought the hor-ror of the Nazi death camps unexpectedly into the life of gay Bay Area resident Karl Lange. Even more startling gay Bay Area resident Karl Lange. Even more startling for Lange was discovering the circumstances of rabid revenge the Nazis were wreaking right up to the fall of Berlin, because of the assassination attempt on Hitler in July 1944, and how that revenge impacted upon his own family. family.

Lange might never have known the story if not for the Holocaust Musum and a sur-Holocaust Musum and a sur-prising vital link: the appear-ance in the April 27 New York Times of an article on the museum's opening. The Times story concentrated on one first-day vistor to the mu-seum, a gay American of Ger-man ancestry named Skip

Krenke.
Part of the procedure at the museum is to match visithe museum is to match visi-tors with the identities of known holocaust victims. The 28-year-old Krenke was matched with a German ho-mosexual of his age — named Karl Lange! The *Times* related how Krenke, as Karl Lange, expe-rienced the barren boxcar in which the victims were car-

which the victims were carried to the death camp, plus the gassing chamber, the movies of the victims of Hitler's Final Solution, and some precious personal artifacts of the annihilated Jews, gyspsies, anti-Nazis of all kinds, and gays, all of whom were exterminated in the most hideous massacre of our

century.

Krenke himself stated in the article his own relation to what the Nazis did: "My grandfather is still like that. He hates Jews, blacks, and homosexuals. He can't understand that my best friend is Lewish."

Jewish."
For our local Lange the Times article was a shocking surprise, as he learned there was — for him, as for Krenke — a family link. First, his grandfather, an American citizen of German ancestry, was apparently swept up by the Nazis in Paris some time in the midst of the war, and evthe midst of the war, and evidence from post-Nazi German archives shows that he was executed in Dachau in 1944. It is a puzzle to Lange why he was there when he could have been in safety with a relative in Berne, Switzerland.

Switzerland.

Then a cousin, Count Albrecht Von Bernsdorf, was marched out into an open field near Berlin and shot in the back of the head by the SS, even as the city was being overwhelmed by the Russian army. Von Bernsdorf, an Anglophilic Rhodes scholar, and a gav man accompliance. scholar, and a gay man, according to an Advocate in the early '70s, had been part the plot to assassinate

The attempt was made in July 1944 — and failed. The conspirators, who were working with Von Bernsdorf's longtime friend Adam von Trotta, were all rounded up and executed. This event was the culmination of an anti-Nazi effort that went on for years, as reported in A Good German, a biography of Von Trotta by the British journalist Giles Macdonough.

Lange also has seen evidence that Von Bernsdorf's

family, all through the Nazi regime, helped Jewish fami-lies get their money and worldly goods out of Ger-

Lange himself is of multi-Lange himself is of multi-racial ancestry. The non-Ger-man half of his background is Polynesian, Chamorro, Span-ish, and American Indian. Al-though his major career has been in education, both be-fore and after WW II, he has also been an army officer with a specialty in Japanese translation and intelligence, and for a two-year period in the early '50s, a Franciscan friar.

In his Bay Area life he has been friend to scores of people, including the outstanding poet Robert Duncan, who was his college roommate, and Pat Bond, the performance artist.

mance artist.

Would Lange like to meet
Skip Krenke? "Yes," he
replied immediately. "That
could be most interesting."
And the next time he is in
Washington, D.C., he intends
to visit the Holocaust Muse-

Asked what relevance he Asked what relevance he sees between the Holocaust gay experience and gay life today, especially for the young, Lange replied, "The threat is always there!" ▼



National Holocaust Museum

Not Your Garden Variety Bigot

by Michael Botkin

enator Jesse Helms's recent characterization of HUD honcha nominee/San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg as a "damn lesbian" has taken bigotry to a new high (or new low, depending how you view such things). When asked to justify his pejorative barb, Helms defended himself by saying "she's not a garden variety lesbian, she's a political activist, mean lesbian."

As is so often the case, this attempt at clarification only escalated the situation. Ever the generous debater, I tried

Commentary

to figure out if there were some non-offensive way to interpret the curmudgeonly, homophobic North Carolina senator's remarks.

If Helms is implying that a "garden variety" lesbian would be okay by him, then this represents significant progress on his part. It means that he doesn't oppose all lesbians, just the non-garden variety ones. Unfortunately, I can't seem to find any self-proclaimed "garden variety" lesbians. Lesbian friends of mine say the phrase sounds mine say the phrase sounds intrinsically derogatory.

"I think that when he says 'garden variety' lesbian he just means 'closeted' lesbian," said my friend Jill. If she's right — and I suspect she must be — then Helms is basically opposed to any and all open, "out" lesbians. Helm's subse-quent protests about Achten-berg presenting her domestic

partner to Congress ("she's rubbing our faces in it!") tends to support that interpretation.

And where does Helm's odd fascination with "political activist, mean lesbians") (henceforth: "PAM-lesbians") come from? "Maybe he met [unpopular City Hall lesbian politico] Jean Harris and confused her with Achtenberg," suggested another (non-garden variety) lesbian. The pugnacious Harris, who claims that any assertive woman in politics is likely to be labeled "mean," seems to better fit Helm's "PAM-lesbian" description. Achtenberg herself scription. Achtenberg herself has a surprising mellow repu-tation for a member of San Francisco's Board of Supervi-

Lesbian Lexicography

Still, we are glad to see that Helms didn't incorrectly use the phrase "political lesbian" to signify "political activist." A "political lesbian," in the current usage, is a primarily heterosexual woman who espouses and/or engages in homosexual sex as an act of solidarity with feminism and a rejection of patriarchal sexual values. Once popular a rejection of patriarchal sexual values. Once popular among Ivy League sorts in the '80s, the phenomenon seems to have faded in recent years despite a small boost from the purported ultra-safety (re: AIDS) of lesbian sex.

For some reason the corresponding identity of a "political gay," or a heterosexual man engaging in homosexuality as an act of solidarity, is much rarer. Apparently few males are amenable to the notion of sex as a political state-

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ment.
But we are dismayed at Helms's lumping together of Political Activism with Meanness. We know many politically active lesbians who are entirely cheerful and friendly almost all of the time. We also know a few lesbians who are just plain mean but have no interest or involvement in no interest or involvement in political activism. Is Helms implying here that any and all "activists" "mean?" are a priori

Alas, he probably is. To a raving homophobe like Helms, any "out" queer is de facto offensive. Only a closeted homosexual is acceptable

to him, and then only because he can't see them. I suspect he'd have no sympathy or support for a closeted ("gar-den variety") homo who was involuntarily "outed."

If nothing else, the current high-profile congressional de bates on homosexuality will have the effect of educating legislators on the ins and outs of lesbian lexicography and queer semantics. Dixiecrat fossil Senator Strom Thurmond embarrassed himself on national TV when, in the course of denouncing gays in the military, he demonstrated that he doesn't know what the term "sodomy" means. It

was a sorry spectacle, but the mere sight of Senator Thurmond talking dirty — even if he didn't know what he was talking about - made my day.

Lesbians for hydroelectric power?

We conclude (at lower left) with a brief listing of some contemporary lesbian stereotypes. We strongly advise congressional staff to clip and save this section, and to refer to it when composing speeches on queer topics. This will hope-fully deter hurtful misinter-

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"DAM" lesbians: not to be confused with Helm's "damn" lesbians, these are militant advocates of lesbian safe sex rather than unrepentant sinners condemned to hell (though we're not ruling out considerable overlap here). Primarily armed with dental dams (hence their name) they prowl the sexual habitat hoping to initiate uneducated women into the mysteries of latex. (They should also not be confused with the militant sapphic antinuke group "Lesbians for Hydroelectric Power," who are sometimes informally referred to as "dam lesbians," too.)
"Garden Variety" or "green thumb" lesbians: highly domestic lesbians devoted to their organic and/or macrobiotic gardens. They recycle, compost and use eco-sensitive pest control techniques (instead of heavy sprayings of toxic pesticides). They drive sensible Little Dyke Pickups (LDPs) — or occasionally very old and very large American pick-up trucks — which tend to be decorated with flower designs in day-glo paint. They rarely have time, like southern senators do, to promote discriminatory legislation. And nobody grows better tomatoes.

"Mean Lesbians": Elaine Wuornos, the Florida prostitute who killed several of her abusive "johns" is the real-life exemplar of this type. "Hothead Paisan" from the zine of the same name, a psychotic lesbian from Hell who can make neo-Nazis burst into flames just by looking at them, is Elaine's fictional counterpart. Unlike all those fags in all those old (and not so old) movies who shrivel up and/or commit suicide when "outed" or queer-bashed, Mean Lesbians — sometimes known as "Basic Instinct" Lesbians — respond to harassment with at least equal force. For many people, this notion is scarier than the sight of stinct" Lesbians — respond to harassment with at least equal force. For many people, this notion is scarier than the sight of General Schwartzkopf assaulting an all-you-can-eat buffet.

And now, for a little variety, a non-queer stereotype:

"Political Activist, Mean Christians." These should not be confused with "garden-variety" Christians who just go to church, hold bake sales and sing hymns. "Political Activist, Mean Christians" prefer to fire-bomb clinics, assassinate doctors, and run as "stealth" candidates for the local school board (from whence they can promote school prayer, creationism and homophobia).

If you want to study this sordid underworld first hand, check out the Family Bible Church in San Jose this Saturday at 6 p.m., when Operation Rescue gathers to plot their response to a recent court ruling that bans them from obstructing local clinics. There'll be more Political Activist, Mean Christians than you can shake a Bible at (call BACORR at (415) 252-0750 for more info). ▼

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National News

Save The Children?

[The following is the text of a handbill distributed at a Salem Oregon library in April. OCA refers to the Oregon Citizens Alliance, the right wing group headed by Lon Mabon. The OCA led the fight for Proposition 9, an anti-gay ballot measure that failed at the polls last November. Now it has concentrated its efforts on passing dozens of small, local versions of Prop. 9.]



Dear Fellow Christian.

As you know, we members and supporters of the O.C.A. have long been engaged in a Holy War against the Militant Homosexual Lobby and their pedophillic agenda to legalize sex with our minor children. Many lessons have been learned — we know that fighting the devil and his homosexual disciples within our political system is fruitless. Their perverted lobby, Satanic in nature, is extremely powerful and cannot be overcome or changed through man's laws alone. They can and will be defeated when all Christians unite. We must observe and implement God's methods to exterminate homosexuals as laid out and proscribed to us in detail by our Heavenly Father as found in his Holy Bible.

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We all realize this is a difficult Commandment to adhere to as we are compassionate children of a kind God, but you must remember, We are the only true children of God and we have been commanded by God himself through the Bible to seek out and destroy those who would rape and recruit our male children. Jehovah compels us to protect our children.

Remember Sodom and Gomorrah.

Demonstrate your love for Jesus and for your children! The hope for a future without homosexuals is dependent on your faith and willingness to implement our Heavenly Father's plan as laid out in our Holy Bible.

Join us in our Blessed Crusade to Save The Children of Oregon.

A public service message brought to you by the Ecumenical Christian Council and the many supporters of the Oregon Citizens' Alliance.

Should you know the names of suspected or self-admitted homosexuals, please send their names, addresses and phone numbers to the O.C.A. Homosexual Names Collection Division (H.N.C.D.) in your area.

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Friday

Oh, dear, now we've got Jerry pissed: last week this column reported that the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force sent out a fundraising letter signed by tennis star and gay rights activist Martiand gay rights activist marti-na Navratilova, that claimed "every family has gay persons in it; that includes the fami-lies of Senators Sam Nunn, Jesse Helms, and Robert Dole Jesse Helms, and Robert Dole and of right-wing activists Phyllis Schlafly and Pat Buchanan." The letter continued that "even the families of the Reverends Lou Sheldon, Jerry Falwell, and Pat Robertson have lesbian and gay members, and so does yours." Well, last week Falwell (yes, that Jerry Falwell, the homophobic one ...) demanded that NGLTF retract a statement that some members of his family could be homosexual. Mark DeMoss, a spokesperson for the Lynchburg televangelist and noted anti-gay vangelist and noted anti-gay preacher, said Falwell denies anyone in his family is gay. ("Please God, not MY family too.") DeMoss wrote a letter demanding a retraction: "It's quite a statement to make; I don't know what their thinking is in making that state-ment," DeMoss moaned on be-half of Falwell.

Friends and fans of Senator Dianne Feinstein can help her kick off her 1994 re-election campaign and celebrate her birthday at the same time at a \$500.per correct distance line \$1.000. \$500-per-person dinner June 3 at the Fairmont Hotel (cock-tails at 6:30; dinner at 7:30; call Craig Jones at 705-8777 for tix and info on this one).

And a longtime female reader wrote me this week ex-plaining that "I know you don't write a sports column but I'm still just sick over Joe Montana leaving" and asked if somehow I could please run one last photo of her football hero. Yes, I loved the guy too, Marge, and this photo is for you.

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where the gun might be pointed. If Freud were alive today, would he be suggesting that straight men opposing the ban are suffering from rape fantasies?

Norm and other support-

ers are not digging very deep to find the reason that polar-ization occurs when soldiers to find the reason that polarization occurs when soldiers are openly gay or lesbian: "For whatever reason, the organization is divided into a majority who oppose, a small minority who oppose, a small minority who approve, and other groups who either don't care or just wish the problem would go away."

Openly gay military personnel are not the cause of any real or perceived troop drop in morale — bigory is. The reason for dissention in the troops is the military's failure, not the shortcomings of lesbian and gay soldiers.

Schwarzkopf's testimony offers about as convincing an argument for a federal gay and lesbian civil rights bill and a nationally-mandated Rainbow Curriculum as I can imagine: "The attitudes of our service men and women simply reflect, in my opinion, the

attitudes that I've encountered in the American people."

If attitudes interfere with the military's ability to achieve cohesion and order —

achieve cohesion and order—to be all that they can be—then it is the military's obligation to change attitudes. The military prides itself on its ability to train its personnel.

I, for one, hope that I will never have to use half of what I learned in Basic Training.

But, in times like these—when my alma mater gives a national platform to one of the most powerful voices opposing the ban, when bigoted U.S. senators slander Roberta Achtenberg loudly enough for U.S. senators slander Roberta Achtenberg loudly enough for the full Senate to expose her to the possibility of a Republican filibuster, when the U.S. military actively encourages a "don't tell, we won't ask" policy while talking about honor and then blames the homohatred in its ranks on the few, the proud lesbians and gay men serving their country—well, at times like these, it's

men serving their country—well, at times like these, it's hard to remain a pacifist.

But if all else fails, it's comforting to know that I graduated from Basic Training with the distinction of being named "Cadet of the Battalion," at Fort Knox, Kentucky, in 1980. If they thought I was a fighter then, they ought to see me now!

HIV News

NIH Nixes Bitter Melon Trial

by Rene M. Astudillo

The one hope for a human clinical trial of bitter melon, an Asian plant that re-searchers have found to inhib-it the replication of HIV in the test tube, may have been permanently shelved on the basis of information emanat-

basis of information emanating from the National Institutes for Health (NIH).

The clinical trial on MAP 30, a bitter melon extract discovered in 1990 by researchers at the New York University Medical Center, was to have been conducted by Search Alliance, a Los Angeles-based research organization that explores the benefits of experimental drugs and genes-based research or gamzation that explores the benefits of experimental drugs and treatments for HIV and AIDS-related opportunistic infections. In announcing the cancellation of the project, Search Alliance quoted NIH information that "although laboratory data was somewhat positive, there are substantial problems with toxicity under prolonged use."

Such a claim by NIH has come under fire from PWAs and advocates of alternative medicine since no human trials have ever been conducted on MAP 30. Bitter melon user D.S. Strano of San Francisco

on MAP 30. Bitter melon user D.S. Strano of San Francisco has been looking forward to the MAP 30 clinical trial. He sees its cancellation as evi-dence of NIH's lukewarm interest in the development of alternative therapies for HIV infection.

infection.

"Because these alternative therapies do not have the backing of pharmaceutical companies, little is done to gather the documentation needed to stimulate research organizations like Search Alliance to undertake controlled clinical studies," Strano told the Bay Area Reporter. "The resulting danger is that PWAs who choose these althe Bay Area Reporter. "The resulting danger is that PWAs who choose these alternative therapies do so without the information necessary to make informed treatment decisions. It is time the NIH recognize that PWAs like myself are putting their lives on the line."

Aside from MAP 30, two other proteins extracted from bitter melon, alpha momorcharin and beta momorcharin, are known to inhibit HIV protein expression in infected immune cells, in vitro. Many

mune cells, in vitro. Many other scientific studies, as well as a growing body of anecdotal evidence, point to the antiviral, antitumor, and immune-strengthening properties of bitter melon.

Like Strano, some 30 HIV

and AIDS patients in San Francisco — plus many more in Los Angeles, Seattle, New York, Texas, and Honolulu — have been experimenting on a bitter melon home protocol established by Stanley Rebultan of Los Angeles, the per-

son credited with first using bitter melon as treatment for his HIV infection. The protocol consists of oral ingestion and retention enemas of juice and tea extracted from bitter melon fruit, seeds, leaves and

Anecdotal claims by Rebultan and other bitter melon users point to marked improvements in CD4, CD4 percentages and T4:T8 ratios. some claim that bitter melon

some claim that bitter meion has cured their bacterial and other HIV-related infections. Based on their personal experiments with bitter melon, Strano and Rebultan submitted separate abstracts to the

Strano and Rebultan submitted separate abstracts to the Ninth International AIDS Conference in Berlin this June, but neither was accepted. A third abstract co-authored by Rebultan and Dr. Qingcai Zhang was also excluded from the conference.

Dr. Zhang, author of a book on Compound Q, is best known for his efforts to combine Chinese and Western medicine. About 100 of his AIDS patients have been self-administering bitter melon. A preliminary report with some case studies, authored by Zhang, was published in the Journal of Naturopathetic Medicine in early 1992. The Natural, Alternative, Traditional, Complementary (NATC) Caucus of the International AIDS Society expressed disappointment that none of the bitter melon abstracts have been accepted at the AIDS. bitter melon abstracts have been accepted at the AIDS conference. The NATC acknowledged that "bitter melon seems to be the most promising plant in the field."

Ironically, the Fifth Inter-national AIDS Conference (in national AIDS Conference (in 1989) also refused the presentation of research on Compound Q, which was at that time the most talked-about new AIDS drug. Trichosanthes kirilowii, from which Compound Q is extracted, belongs to the same Cucurbitacea family as momordica charantia, otherwise known as bitter melon.

These developments notwithstanding, there has been no let-up in the efforts of bitter melon users and research advocates across the nation to demand more bitter melon re-

advocates across the nation to demand more bitter melon research. Their informal networking is moving towards the formation of a national task force which, they hope, would constitute a stronger voice in advocating for more scientific answers to their questions about this Asian plant, which they believe has much potential as an inexpensive treatment for HIV.

"If what it takes to have our goal achieved," Strano stressed to the B.A.R., "is to bring our case to the research community in Asia or elsewhere outside the U.S., then we will do just that." demand more bitter melon re-



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EOPLE AND PERSONALS

Sexagenarian Party Animals

by Tim Farrell

George ever find another Vera? Where would find another ever George?

George?
For over 20 years, George and Vera Loskutoff, a straight couple from the peninsula, have been kicking up their heels in the gay clubs of San Francisco. You can find them every Sunday night at Pleasuredome, and although they may look as old as your grandparents, at heart, they're the youngest pair in the the youngest pair in the

According to George, ev-According to George, every so often a club kid perhaps one-third his age will approach him and ask, "Why are you here? Do you know where you are?"

For future reference, George and Vera know exact-

George and vera know exact-ly where they are. They were tearing up Polk Street when current clubophiles were still learning how to spell.

Birthday Boy

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This January 1, George will turn 70. He was born in 1924 in a small Russian village. After fleeing the Bolsheviks in the early 1930s, his family lived as refugees in Syria and Damascus before settling in Persia during World War II. George immigrated to the United States in 1948, settling in San Francisco's Potrero Hill where he met Vera, also a Russian, who played the organ at the Russian Orthodox Church. The young couple eloped, married in Reno, and the magic began.

George and Vera always

lived in the fast lane. George started racing speedboats in the 1960s and Vera waterskied. Then, in the mid-70s during one of his races, George's boat flipped over in an accident, leaving him bedridden with an injury. Vera remembers, "When George's boat flipped, I was lost. I couldn't find anything lost. I couldn't find anything ceorges boat lipped, I was lost. I couldn't find anything to do until I came across an ad in the paper. A couple named Gary and Gloria Poole — U.S. Disco Champs, 1978—were giving lessons on how to disco dance at the Airport were giving lessons on how to disco dance at the Airport Marina, a hotel here on the peninsula. George was recovering and he couldn't move his arm, but he said, 'go!' So I went. I came home and said, 'George, you would really, really like this.' And that's how we got started."

Once George recovered, the couple tried all the hot spots of the early disco days. Vera recalls, "There was Chingo's, Orphan Annie's here in San Mateo, and Question, in Burlingame. The first

here in San Mateo, and Question, in Burlingame. The first time I walked in there they were playing 'Voyage,' and I thought, 'Oooh! What is this wonderful music?' So George would boat race or we would water ski, and then we'd come home and go out to Orphan Annie's."

Soon, George and Veragrew impatient with the mu-

Soon, George and Vera grew impatient with the music. "We had to find better music, better places to go," Vera explains. They migrated to Studio West in the days before it turned gay, and competed in all kinds of disco contests, George with a matador's cape and Vera with a fan.

fan.
Then, they found Tro-



Vera and George, tripping the light fantastic at Pleasuredome

"You know, when we were young, we never thought we would get old," says Vera. "And all of a sudden, we're on the other side.''

'We were home!" Vera "We were home!" Vera exclaims with a smile, her eyes blissfully closed. "We found the gay clubs, we found the Troc, and the wonderful music, the deejay's mixing, that was us! We're not gay, but that was definitely us. "The music at the Troc, it was incredible. That was 1980 or '81. Mike Lewis and Craig Maury were the deejays.

Maury were the deejays. Then Trip Ringwald came

on. He was wonderful, derful, wonderfull!!!

on. He was wonderful, wonderful, wonderful, wonderfullIIII And the energy there! If it was gay, if it was straight, we didn't care. When it comes right down to it, where are we? We're in the music. If it's good music and the deejays are mixing well, we go. We looove good music. And it just so happens, the gays have the rhythm. Our best times were in the gay clubs."

The couple's home is filled with hundreds of disco records, meticulously categorized by Vera, as well as two turntables and a mixer. Vera is an accomplished, although modest, disc jockey. "The music I mix myself, the majority of it is hi-energy. Hi-energy is where it's at," she says. "I don't want to offend anyone, but I wish artists nowadays knew how to count. Eight beats, please. Today's music is missing the beats, I don't

have to know the record, but I want the beat."

In the Mix

In the Mix

The deejays at Pleasuredome have asked Vera to mix with them, but so far, she has declined. "No, I'm chicken. All those people!" she exclaims and looks down with a modest smile. "I listen to those deejays and they're so perfect. At my age, I have to be perfect before I can get up there. The crowd wants to hear techno, house; I'm a mixture of everything. I like old disco, I like new stuff, house, ture of everything. I like old disco, I like new stuff, house, even rock and roll. I just bought a new one by Mick Jagger, but it's not easy to mix with."

Lately, Vera's had some trouble with her neighbors. George bought Vera a disco ball, which hangs in the living room near all the records and (Continued on page 38)



Denise Ward: "Before I got into bodybuilding I was totally out of it, asleep at the wheel. I had a lot of energy, but no focus. Competing last year and becoming more aware of my body has helped me get in touch with other things in my life as well. Now I know I can accomplish just about anything I set my mind to.'

Physique '93 at Lowell High

Bodies in Motion

In the process of interviewing bodybuilders recently, I was reminded that San Francisco's gay and lesbian physique show, which for audiences may be about good-looking bodies, goes much deeper for the participants. It's an enriching, transformational experience, involving goal-setting, discipline, and a growing self-confidence, on or offstage, in crefidence, on or offstage, in creating our reality and control-ling our own lives. Providing an opportunity for athletes and potential athletes to expeand potential atmetes to experience this process via the gay/lesbian competition is probably Arcadia Bodybuilding Society's (ABS) greatest ongoing accomplishment.

ABS has also acted as an

example for other cities, such as Dallas, which produced its first gayllesbian contest in 1991. This year Seattle will present its first show on July 4. In addition, on June 12, a contest will be held at the Russian River to kick off that community's Gay Pride Week.

Week.
However, back at home, "there's trouble in River City." First, there has been a gradual shift in leadership. Board members of Arcadia Bodybuilding Society who had been with Physique from its inception have slowly dwindled in numbers. The co-founder and original president stepped down two years ago and various others have ago and various others have either gone on to other things or have less time to give to the organization. The accrued

collective experience of these past members is lost in the process, and new members are left to relearn the lessons.

Volunteer Burn-out

Burn-out is quite a factor in this organization, because there is an enormous amount of work to be done and never enough people to do it. While ABS usually receives a fair amount of dedicated voluntarious control of the second amount of dedicated volunteers to help with the yearly physique contest, that is but the tip of the iceberg in terms of workload and the necessary man/woman-hours required year-round. Throughout the years a mere handful of people have organized fundraisers (the physique show is the largest, but only one of many); led seminars on (Continued on page 51)





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Phallomania: "art"

Two howlers from the Enquirer's "Quotes of the Week" include Julia Child on feminism: "I think women are getting to be a nuisance at thorney general be a woman?" Chicken-chopping closet case Child may have forgotten what a "nuisance" she was considered by the male-dominated world of chefs back when she was fresh out of cooking school. And this one from Whitney Houston: "Once someone gets to be a success, there are a number "Once someone gets to be a success, there are a number of things that are going to be said about you automatically. One is that you're got a drug problem. The other one is that you have no idea what the hell you're doing." And this week's winner of the triple crown is crown is .

Entertainment Weekly reports that Robert Downey, Jr. and Sarah Jessica Parker are interested in starring in the film version of Stephen McCauley's novel, The Object of My Affection, about a gay mand his female, pregnant best friend. Paramount is nibbling at a script by Wendy Wasserstein.

And EW also has Robert And EW also has kooper.

Altman reportedly set to direct the film version of Tony
Kushner's Angels in America. Both Al Pacino and
Dustin Hoffman are mentioned as possibilities for the role of Roy Cohn. Get this: Jodie Foster has expressed interest in the role of the angel. If Foster is gay, a rumor she has not denied, perhaps this would be a nice opportunity to come out of the closet. tioned as possibilities for the

Speak of the devil: in the June Vanity Fair, architectural chameleon of the 20th



Century, Philip Johnson fi-nally comes out of the closet at age 86. He not only ac-knowledges his lover of 33 years, David Whitney, but he also confesses his fascist past. Johnson admits that his architectural contributions to architectural contributions to San Francisco (Neiman Marcus and 101 California, among others) are "no good." But the most interesting revelation is the Johnson/Whitney house rule: every time Johnson forgets to take his Prozac, he has to pay his lover five bucks.

Movieline suggests that Movieline suggests that "these days the word 'three' seems to signify a sexually ambiguous relationship." They cite the inoffensive but also not very interesting Three of Hearts, starring William Baldwin, Kelly Lynch and Sherilyn Fenn, about two lesbians and a rigo-Lynch and Sherilyn Fenn, about two lesbians and a gigolo, and the upcoming *Threesome*. But the real link is that these two "ambiguous" movies star Baldwin brothers: Threesome stars Stephen Baldwin in love with Lara Flynn Boyle, and Josh Charles in love with Baldwin. Now only big bro Alec Baldwinhas yet to put his name on something queer. We're waiting.

And what does Movieline cover bomb Sharon Stone think of all the lesbian roles in movies all of a sudden? "A short-lived trend," she predicts. "You've certainly come to the wrong girl for details on this one, haven't you?" she responds with what Movieline calls a "wry look." And speaking of William Baldwin, what does Stone think of Baldwin's recent interview extolling lipstick lesextolling lipstick les-



Philip Johnson: architect, queer, reformed Nazi, and

bians? "Well, he may be a lesbian," she laughs. Sharon is so hip.

Certified Ad Services of Fresno, the printer of last year's catalog for the gay film fest, refused to print this year's catalog cover because it contained a photo of ... two men kissing. The horror! Certified Ad Services press workers evidently found the ad offensive. What's ironic is that the same photo already appears all over San Francisco in bus shelters, and on posters for the Stop AIDS campaign. Local printers, Honeywell and Todd have taken on the catalog which should be available tomorrow at the Castro Theatre.



Stephen Baldwin: boy toy?

Jaye Davidson, now playing in a GAP ad near you, said in an interview that he wasn't interested in acting again. But New York magazine says the producers of the Will Rogers Follies are looking for somebody to replace Marla Maples once she becomes too pregnant to work, and that they have approached Davidson about taking over the role. They also approached Christie Brinkley, Appolonia, and La ley, Appolonia, and La-Toya Jackson, and seem to be more interested in landing a "high-profile star" than going on a talent search.

Monk Madness: the very queer Mad Monks (Jim Crotty and Michael Lane) will not only be sharing Grand Marshall honors with Sandra Bernhard at the SF Gay Parade, but their new book Mad Monks on the Road hits the stands (from Simon and Schuster, no less) next month. We are everywhere — and it's about time! ▼

Sex Again

by Jim Coughenour

ex Is ... is 80 minutes of talking heads, talking about gay sex. Fortunately, director Marc Huestis has chosen some intreesting heads to do the talk-ing. (Unfortunately, although included in the cast, Huestis' head isn't one of the interest-ing ones.)

Huestis' film has been ap-

Huestis' film has been appearing in bits and pieces over the past couple of years here in San Francisco, and it just won the Audience Prize for best gay film in the Berlin Festival. Huestis envisions his documentary as "a reality-based dialogue that will serve as a tool to promote public education regarding gay men," but his film is too dark and quirky to serve such high-minded goals. This is its strength, which no doubt explains its appeal to the Ger-

Question Man

Sex Is ... gets off to a shaky start, as its various subjects struggle to fill in the elipsis. "Sex is an intellectual force," "Sex is an intellectual force," intones queer historian Gerard Koskovich. "It's a constantly withering rose," laments shemale Bambi Lake. "Sex is ... what is sex?" asks porn star Brad Phillips with a sibylline smirk. None of this is promising: if Brad can't tell us, who can?

who can?
What becomes almost immediately evident, however, is that sex is a series of kinky stories. Gay sex, unlike its more automatic heterosexual counterpart, seems to be something invented, discovered, 'unnatural' — something nurtured in secret until it explodes in the lurid light of documentaries. While straight sex has to strive to be kinky, queer sex begins that way, in unholy conjunctions with religion, art and death. Over and over, the men in Sex Is ... tell similar stories: sexual abuse by church deacons, seduction by a choir master, lusty love between seminarians. Gay sex thrives against and through the sacred.

Huestis constructs a witty counterpoint to his subjects' stories by interspersing bits of archival footage among the



Sian and Abel, erotic performers

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monologues. For instance, reminiscences about sex in pre-AIDS San Francisco are set against an old black and set against an old black and white documentary obsessing about denizens of the city's gay underground ("only at night do they show their true colors") — which despite its aghast sensationalism, looks almost quaint in comparison. aghast sensationalism, looks almost quaint in comparison to what really did occur. "Sex was everywhere," single housewife Lulu recalls. "There were men just nursing, noshing and nibbling on every crack, crevice, and hole real care find" you can find."

Of course at this point in Of course at this point in history, all gay stories are versions of one larger story, that of the gay movement that started in a riot at Stonewall in 1969, partied with wanton abandon through the '70s, and "pagely foundered against the nearly foundered against the

AIDS epidemic in the '80s. As these men recollect them-selves in the early 1990s, their stories of sex are inextricably tied to those of pain and

The cast biographies tell part of this tale. Sexually inactive Koskovich considers himself "homosocial" rather "homosexual." Former slut Lulu has been cellbate for over 8 years, while writer David Perry sticks to safe sex clubs. Larry Brinkin, once an outspoken critic of monogamy, and R. Wood Massi, a former frequenter of tearooms, are now a cheerful monogamous couple. monogamous couple.

Technique Refined

These stories suggest that a once wild eroticism has been domesticated. But other been domesticated. But other stories suggest something stranger, that gay sexual practices have become more refined, techniques of spirit as well as those of the flesh. Several men enthuse about the pleasures of S/M, where "orgasm is not the point." Black playwright Wayne Corbitt tells of the intense pleasure of sexually submitting to a white South African At this: white South African. At this point the viewer realizes (with relief) that queer sexuality continues to be taboo and politically incorrect.

politically incorrect.

But the most curious thing about Sex Is ..., a film which always hovers on the verge of becoming another bland gay documentary, is the way it eventually emerges as a testament to the disturbing presence of love. When Danny Castellow or Wayne Corbitt speak of their dead lovers we speak of their dead lovers, we see not only their grief but the weird ways in which love

the weird ways in which love endures.

In fact, behind all these stories of sleaze, obsession and exuberance lurks a perverse heroism, one which can contemplate death not as a punishment but as a another kind of climax. "When I die," says Corbitt at the end with a glowing grin, "I would like to be cremated in a shroud that says I HAD A HELL OF A GOOD TIME — and stick me in the fire!" It's as satisfying a definition of as satisfying a definition of sex as any.

Sex Is ... Castro Theatre through May 27 621-6120



Larry Brinkin and R. Wood Massi, domestic partners



More Trash for Your Cash

by Mark Freeman

rash, anyone? Each year the S.F. Lesbian and Gay Film Fest gets bigger — and still sells out all seats for most of those new movies that let us see our fabulous selves on the screen. But what about re-claiming some of the good garbage among all the old rubbish that used to represent

garage among an the our rubbish that used to represent us in the days of "aren't they sad and lonely and when will they kill themselves?"

This year our film festival, at the venerable Roxie, gives us a chance to see two, four, or even 12 of these gems, one month before the festival proper begins. Welcome to "Frameline's 48-Hour Lesbian & Gay Drive-In" with shows every four hours from noon until midnight, May 22 and 23. Space does not permit full reviews of all 12 features, but here are some notes on a few old faves and a couple not available at your local Blockbuster (boycott!).

Outrageous Pecker

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Empire State is a 1987 offering from director Ron Peck. With its silent, intentionally confusing opening and color-mad cinematography, the film sucks us into the white lower class world of London's East End, now being gentrified. A girl in her blue cocktail dress survives a car crash. A bleached New-

castle boy in blue denim arrives in a train terminus and inadvertently sets in motion some major criminal action. A lady in red (as tough as Miranda Richardson a full five years before The Crying Game) calls her lover a "fucking wimp." Just as you're wondering what's gay about this film, it moves to the torso of a male stripper in a huge queer club, and Jimmy Somerville is heard on the soundtrack. By the thriller's end all the strands unite. It's good bad fun.

For those who have only castle boy in blue denim ar-

For those who have only seen the Five Lesbian Brothers version, or for those who have forgotten the pleasure of hearing the pixotic Shirley MacLaine deliver lines of bittersweet yearning to the lovely Audrey Hepburn, here

es. I'm a skirt-and-blouse character, we're always in style. But you're not. You're Fifth Avenue, Rue de Lappe. I re-member the first time I ever

member the first time I ever saw you, your hair flying. I remember thinking,—[beat]— what a pretty gir!! It almost comes as a sur-prise that William Wyler's 1961 film adaptation of Lillian Hellman's The Children's Hour is in black-and-white, as its memories are in full col-or. New viewing proves that or. New viewing proves that the classic holds its own quite well, thank you. Nasty old rich bitch Fay Bainter listens to pig-faced spoiled brat



Ben Gazzara (left) is The

Karen Balkin and accuses our girls of "unnatural" feelings. girls of "unnatural" feelings. Jim Garner stands by his fi-ancee, who finally wields a brass phallic symbol in the obligatory tragic climax. To-tally camp soundtrack fea-tures strings for love and Chi-nese-style xylophones for "drama." Actually, this is GREAT bad melodrama, not to be missed.

Chinese Leggs

Pantyhose Heroes is a 1990 Hong Kong gem. If you've never seen one of

these hyper-violent paeans to gangster filmdom, how about this? In the first 120 seconds a this? In the first 120 seconds a nearly nude gay man and his lover are beaten mercilessly by anti-gay gangsters for the \$10 million they have stolen; someone breaks a bottle in the face of one of the men and someone else bayonets the other through the neck. This is followed by a Keystone Cops mass shootout, chainsaw massacres, and karate chops that resonate karate chops that resonate with full-thud F/X. We're seven minutes into the film before we discover it is actually a sex farce comedy about two cops (played by Samo Hung cops (played by Samo Hung and Alan Tam) who must learn to "act gay" in order to catch a murderous "mental patient active in the gay world." Stick around for the insanely choreographed cartoon violence of its Grand Guignol finale; despite truly bad perms, this is a great gory film.

In The Strange One from 1957, Ben Gazzara is a sociopathic upperclassman in a bucolic Southern military academy who bullies one four-eyed

colic Southern military academy who bullies one four-eyed pipsqueak cadet, an All-American freshman played by the yummy George Peppard, an even yummier dumb poor white trash punk, and a good ol' boy bubba with the film-familiar face of Pat Hingle. An outcoth heavened to be a support of the outcast known as Cockroach

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Juliet Prowse in Who Killed Teddy Bear?

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film.

Frameline's "48-Hour Lesbian and Gay Drive-In" double bills at the Roxie (3117 16th Street, 863-1087) begin at noon on Saturday, May 22, with Calamity Jane and That Tender Touch, followed at 4 p.m. by Myra Breckenridge and The Strange One. At 8 p.m. Caged screens with the psychedelic cult classic Liquid Str.

Screens with the psystem of the state with Who Killed Teddy Bear? At 4 p.m. The Children's Hour shows with a 1936 French film, Club des Femmes. The Sunday evening screening begins at 7:30 p.m. with Pantyhose Heroes and Craig Russell in Outgrapeous!

A separate admission is required for each double bill. ▼

ODC at the Cowell

Just Dancing

by Noreen C. Barnes

DC's current program, Just Dancing, at the dance-concert-perfect Cowell
Theatre, is a mix of old and new for the company, as two world premiere pieces by KT Nelson join revamped versions of popular dances by Brenda Way.

Initially seen through a scrim, Way's The Tangle explores a quartet of couples in different relationships (as well as states of dress). Mae Chesney and Daniel Sanchez evoke a Calvin Klein underwear ad as they move elegantly in short, silky robes. Patricia Jiron and Brian Fisher, not quite dressed for a formal affair, perform a playful er, not quite dressed for a formal affair, perform a playful tango that bounces, breaks, and kicks. KT Nelson and Robert Moses summon suffocation as he manipulates her doll-like body and covers her eyes. A Coppelia-like Shannon Mitchell pairs with Mikko Nissinen (of the San Francisco Ballet) in a blend of technical grace and comic awkwardness. awkwardness.

The epilogue to this family portrait of the range of male-female relationships is the postmodern postscript of Suzanna Gallo's flurry across the stage, reminiscent of Jules Feiffer's ever-optimistic cartoon dancer.

Fish Fusion

River, choreographed by KT Nelson, is an absolutely gorgeouspiece—the highlight of the program. Mitchell (my favorite dancer) and Nelson are shimmery fish who fuse with the fishermen (Moses and Ware), pursuing the river as escape from their own despendent of the program of th as escape from their own de-humanized states. The sub-text of desire and catharsis is literally expressed by spoken

words which play under the score/sound collage. Man struggles against Nature in the often breathtaking execution of this work inspired by the film A River Runs Through It. Although one could read the relationship of man with nature as an analog to that of man with woman, to that of man with woman, this piece doesn't contain as

River is an absolutely gorgeous piece — the highlight of the program.

highly gendered a context as the other pieces in the pro-gram. The same-sex duets, and gender-role reversals of lifts and support, are more ef-fective and less self-conscious than those thematically fo-cused on heterosexual rela-tionships.

Some John

Some John
Way revised her 1986
piece, Constant Reminders,
as John Somebody. Originally for two women, this version adds three male dancers
in a fast-paced, demanding
work with a whole lot of
shaking going on. (This piece
alternates programs with KT
Nelson's solo piece I Wanna
Be Bad, her second world
premiere, set to Betty Boop
cartoon songs.)

The program closes with Way's Dirt, Part III of ODC's

Western Women, with a score by Bobby McFerrin and Voicestra. Dirt is an engaging, athletic piece, a three-ring exploration of movement, music and color, beginning with an Olympics of the Future tableau, then moving into a kind of "Let's Get Physical" mode (Nelson even looks a bit like Olivia Newton John hars). Moses do a power duet, and Fisher and Sanchez's balancing act elicits audible audience response, all amidst explosions of quartets, trios, pairs, solo moments and full company commotion. Arresting configurations and high energy distinguish this work, a fitting close to a concert where the absolute joy of dancing is evident in all the performers.

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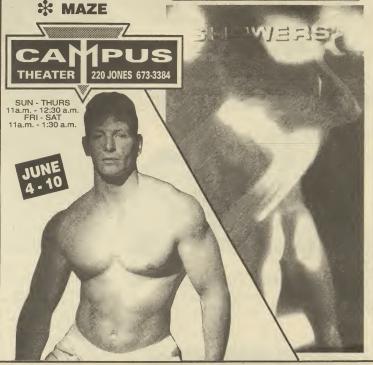


Kevin Ware and KT Nelson in the world premiere of ODC's River at the Cowell Theatre

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Trash

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worships Gazzara, but the closety Italian calls him a "three-dollar bill." This is what Sam Nunn and Johnny McCain's Armed Forces Committee are so afraid of. I couldn't take my eyes off it, especially the shower scene. Even in 1969 That Tender Touch was probably groundbreaking in its open depiction of lesbian kisses and caresses. Nymphets in miniskirts ca-

of lesbian kisses and caresses. Nymphets in miniskirts cavort among waterfalls and faux Roman statuary while another woman in a stereotypically severe wool suit recalls a party with Tiki lamps, men in dark suits, ladies in frosted lipstick, and hideous '60s hairdos. SEE the sad reasons lesbians drank away '60s hairdos. SEE the sad reasons lesbians drank away three decades. REVEL in those hidden glances. LAUGH at the clueless boyfriend. LEER at the "French" maid. But the dialogue is so atrocious (written, produced, and directed by produced and directed by Russel Vincent) that Sinead O'Connor's last album — with its '50s standard "Secret Love" — should be used in place of the soundtrack.

The film that introduced that Academy Award-winning song starred our own Doris Day in the title role of Calamity Jane. It's on the bill, too, as is Caged which won Oscar nominations for Eleanor Powell and Hope Emerson. Who Killed Teddy Bear? stars the ever lovely Sal Mineo, who also should have won one. have won one.

Surgery Optional

Special screening note: Gore Vidal's Myra Brecken-Gore Vidal's Myra Breckenridge, a transgender milestone listed in Leonard
Maltin's guide as a "BOMB—
as bad as any movie ever
made." Just wait and see how
goood bad was in 1970.
Don't miss Miss Rex Reed
and Raquel Welch taking
turns at playing the title character, plus appearances by
John Huston, Farrah Fawcett,
Mae West with Tom Selleck,
and John Carradine as the
mad doctor who does the surgical deed in front of a live
audience after suggesting,
"How about circumcision, it'd
be cheaper?"

In the festival's tireless

Kitten With a Fist

by Chad Jones

efore seeing So ...
You Wanna Be a
Stripper at the 1800
Square Feet theater
the closest I had come space, the closest Had colle to a live women's strip show was the "Let Me Entertain You" number in *Gypsy*. I wasn't sure what to expect from this show about the tri-als and tribulations of women in the live sex show industry
— maybe a gritty, real-life version of "You Gotta Get a
Gimmick." I anticipated the
striptease numbers, and they
were fun. The scenes depicting the backstage conversa-tion and philosophizing were tion and philosophizing were predictable but amusing. But the biggest surprise of the evening was the live girl-girl sex act: fist-fucking, to be pre-cise. Sondheim this is not. The scene is the Hot Box Theater. We are first intro-

duced to Edie (Adrienne Fer-rari), a novice stripper making her debut. She comes onstage under a glittering disco ball and does her thing. The only problem arises when she tries problem arises when she tries to remove her pink panties: she should have put them on over her garters. We then follow Edie backstage to meet the "girls," the employees who alternately perform on stage and "lap dance" with customers in the club. The backstage chatter scenes are broken up by stripteases and sex acts. The combination of vignette and performance boils down to "Love, Ameri-can Style," only this time it's on cable.

Writer and director Linda Writer and director Linda Serbu maintains that women in the sex industry are per-ceived as sluts, whores, vic-tims and drug addicts, and

while some of the women in while some of the women in this show may possess some of these characteristics, Serbu makes sure we see mostly in-telligent enough, self-aware, empowered women who are doing what they need to do to make a living. Some like it more than others, but none of the nine women in this show is leading the dark, horrible, life one might associate with

the sex industry.

Serbu attempts to paint a realistic portrait of the legal sex-for-sale business, but by trying so hard to make the life seem positive, her characters and the second services with the second services and the second services are services and the second services are services as the second services are ters end up sounding like heart-of-gold sitcom hookers. Since there is little depth to the writing, the characters seem to be spouting empty

Despite the writing, most of the performances have a natural energy that keeps the show afloat. Patricia Miller as Anastasia is a standout, both Anastasia is a standout, both in her striptease (the sexiest of the bunch, a feather boa extravaganza that begins to the accompaniment of "Sex and the Single Girl") and in and the Single Girl") and in her performance as a den mother type who takes care of the other girls. "Treat the men as human beings," she advises a co-worker. "Think of yourself as a goddess and love them instead of hate them. It's more empowering."

Cheerful

Writer/director Serbu appears in the cast as Lulu, a

Hardcore sex workers, giving their all at 1800 Square Feet

Audience members are pulled onto the stage, given dildoes, and asked to participate in the girl-girl sex act.

lesbian who loves being a prostitute. Her cheerful pat-ter, even while she is being fist-fucked by 18-year-old Ronie, is only one example of

her sunny professionalism.

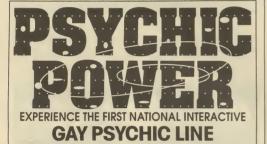
Ethyl, a straight feminist in patent leather played by Eve Baldwin, sums up the evening's attitude toward

men early in the show: "What's the useless piece of flesh at the end of a penis? A man." Some of the women mention boyfriends, but men are mostly reduced to images defined by their slobbering, pathetic loneliness.

pathetic loneliness.

Never offensive, though not for everyone, So ... You Wanna Be a Stripper is chock full of nudity — from the Playboy puff to Penthouse pink. The audience is encouraged to tip the dancers (they provide change before the show starts), and audience members are pulled onto the stage, given dildoes, and asked to participate in the girl-girl sex act. "So let me entertain you, and we'll have a real good time, yes sir ... "

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Sexagenaria

the turntables. Vera was get-ting deep into the mix under the disco ball one night when the disco ball one night when the doorbell rang. It was the lady next door. "Will you please turn that off," said the lady. "It's after ten at night." Vera smiles. "I don't think

Vera smiles. "I don't think there are many people like us in our generation," she suggests airily. "In fact, George jokes, 'our kids have to explain us, instead of the other way around!" On one occasion, the Loskutoff kids, Michael, 39, Sandy 36, and Carol 31, rented a limousine and went to see Mom and Dad dance at the End Up. Their children have no problems with their parents' lifestyle, although when they introduce Mom and Dad, they usually have some explaining usually have some explaining to do.

Memories

Beyond the living room, their den is packed with memorabilia — a shrine spanning an era — where George and Vera's old Trocadero membership cards hang in one corner. The cards remind her of the trouble she and George sometimes had as a straight couple going into a gay club. "I should tell you about the time we went to gay club. "I should tell you about the time we went to Probe in Los Angeles," Vera says, pointing to the cards. "We had our Trocadero cards, and we go there and they look at us. They weren't going to let us in. But we had our cards, and we showed them at the door. And they let us in."



Vera and George at home, surrounded by their disco memorabilia

Sometimes, bouncers would use the dress code as an excuse to keep them out, but George and Vera were one step ahead of them. "We went to Studio West after it turned gay and they looked at

George and
Vera's old
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their den.

my shoes, and said, 'Sorry, you can't come in. No open-toed shoes allowed.' We had the camper parked outside, and I went and got different shoes with closed toes, and they let us in. Whatever they wanted, they got it."

When the Loskutoffs go to a club, they often bring their fans. Fan dancing, widely popular in the late '70s and early '80s, is a form that has nearly vanished. Both partners wave fans in the air. ners wave fans in the air catching the glow of the disco lights to form shapes and pat-terns in time with the music. George traces the origins of fan dancing to a gay club in

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Down Argentine Way

by Robert Julian

between Hillary Clinton and Marilyn Monroe. The dyedblond Eva — born illegitimate and poor — slept her way to the top, inspired the adoration of her nation, and dropped dead of cancer at the age of 33. Out of a possible 100, Eva rates a solid 98 on the queerometer of homosexual allure.

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Maybe that's why I was tooling around L.A. in 1980, heading for Greg's Blue Dot with a friend while the discoversion of Evita blared from his Blaupunkt. None of Andrew Lloyd Webber's musicals, before or since, ever crossed over into the gay subculture in quite the same way as Evita.

Road Runner

Road Runner

The road show version of this 1980 Tony Award winner is currently playing the Golden Gate Theatre, where those who missed the original phenomenon may experience a rough approximation of its glory. But Valerie Perri, in the title role, lacks the requisite verve and vocal pyrotechnics necessary to put Evita over the top. The young Eva was a latin Mona Rogers — a woman with so many edges, she could walk through a crowd and shred it. But Perri's black-wigged early Eva

looks and moves like she's on her way to the mall. After donning a blond wig for the latter day saint, Perri's rendering improves substantially.

Evita is a rock opera, or to be more precise, a pop opera — rendered exclusively in recitative and song. Web-ber's music and Tim Rice's ber's music and Tim Rice's lyrics manage to capture, quite elegantly, the strange mixture of greed and altruism behind the Perons' rise to power. The story is narrated onstage by an actor who portrays Che Guevara, the South American revolutionary who was born in Argentina. Che, who actually never met Eva, provides a running commentary on the action that parallels the rise and fall of the lels the rise and fall of the first Peron dynasty.

The lighting (Steve Cochrane) and set design (uncredited in the program) have been scaled down to accommodate the tour, and the cast

modate the tour, and the cast size has been reduced to 75 percent of the original with little negative impact.

Webber is at the peak of his form with Evita. As evidence, I cite "The Art of the Possible" (a song about politics sung by generals who are playing musical chairs). playing musical chairs), "Waltz for Eva and Che" (a pas de deux where two people who never met get one final metaphorical waltz), and "Another Suitcase in Another Hall" (nuc by Percap's outgo. Hall" (sung by Peron's outgo-ing mistress) — all small numbers that bear traces of musical genius. The anthem, "Don't Cry for Me Argentina," the hummable "High Flying Adored," and the salsa beat of "Buenos Aires" make for great fun (they were the standouts on the disco album) but their predictability causes them to wear less well with time.

Out of a possible 100, Eva rates a solid 98 on queerometer of homosexual allure.

Nytol

Unfortunately this produc-Unfortunately this production falls prey to the standard pitfall of road shows: somnambulism. Things lumber along just fine, but there is only one inspired, first rate performance in the cast and that is David Brummel's superlative Peron. His energy, stature, and vocal strength outshine everyone else, but the role is only of tertiary importance. In the lead parts, Perri as Eva and John Her-



David Brummel (Peron) under the spell of Valerie Perri's Evita.

rera as Che are overwhelmingly adequate. The same can be said for the rest of the cast.

Larry Fuller's direction and choreography keep things interesting enough that this 13-year-old play does not turn into an oldies act. The upper classes mince and mingle like Pat Steger and Herb Caen at the Black and White Ball, and

tne generals lampoon themselves in perfect march for-mation, but the requisite ener-gy that could turn a compe-tent Evita into a stellar one simply isn't there — and that's the pity.

Evita Golden Gate through April 23 (415) 776-1999

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Los Angeles. "There was a place called Sand Castle in L.A., in the late '70s. The gays were going there and to Circus, and to a place called Studio One."

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Vera learned to fan dance before George. "When we were going to Studio West," says Vera, "we were doing fans in the dance contests, but only me, and I danced with only one fan. George had a cape, like a bullfighter. But when we went to Trocadero, George saw these gruss doing. when we went to Irocadero, George saw these guys doing two fans together. The fans were different than the ones I had. He said, 'Wow, what's that? Make my wife a pair!' And so I got a pair. Nick and Jason made them. Nick makes beautiful fans."

makes beautiful fans."

"I saw them teaching Vera
the fans and I wanted to try,
too," says George. "They
made me a pair, and showed
me how to hold them.
'George, here! Do this! Copy
me!' They were so helpful,
teaching me. Nick is still
around, but we lost Jason."

Missing Beats

In fact, many of George and Vera's closest friends from that era have died. Sifting that era have died. Sifting through the memorabilia, George points to a photograph here, a drawing there, speaks a name, and grows silent. "Those missing beats in the music that Vera is always complaining about," George remarks, "someone once said they're the people who are gone."

gone."
"We would see Sylvester,"
"Sylvester was so says Vera. "Sylvester was so wonderful to see in the night-clubs, just out partying. He

looked so great, so robust. Then one time we saw him at Dreamland. He was losing a lot of weight, on his way out. All the photographs and memorabilia sometimes remind George and Vera that they are getting older. "You know, when we were young, we never thought we would get old," says Vera. "And all of a sudden, we're on the other side. And it's not easy to handle. It isn't. Some people in the clubs now, they stare at us dle. It isn't. Some people in the clubs now, they stare at us because we're old, and ask, 'Why are you here?' I feel like I'm as young as them, but I know I'm not. It's just,' she looks at her husband, "where'd the years go, huh, George?"

George is less sentimental. "We're just going to keep having a good time as long as we can When things start physic.

can. When things start physically hurting all over, then we can't do it anymore. We'll stay home and listen to the music. Or find something else."

Until then, you can find George and Vera every Sunday night at Pleasuredome, with their fans. "You know," says Vera, "thank goodness for Pleasuredome. George works Tuesday through Saturday, so we go to B-Street in San Mateo on Saturday nights and Pleasuredome on Sundays. We used to go dancing every night of the week, but now we're down to that. Maybe when George retires, we'll start going every night again, what do you say, George?"

Disco music pumps softly in the background as Vera moves her hips to the beat. Smiling, George looks at Vera and quietly starts tapping his feet.



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Trading Genitals

Cock and Bull by Will Self; Atlantic Monthly Press, \$20

by Roberto Friedman

ritish writer Will Self has upped the ante on Franz Kafka's "Metamorphosis" by "Metamorphosis" by making the protagonists of the twin novellas *Cock and Bull* wake up to find, not that they've become cockroaches, but that they've developed the sex organs of their opposite gender. The human penis and vagina pack more of a symbolic wallop than a cockroach any day.

Self's profoundly funny diptych takes genderbending to its extreme limits. Carol,

the newly penised housewife in Cock, A Novelette, finds that her additional genitalia give her a vigorous lust for life. Self describes her trans-formation with a very British sense of humor: when we first meet Carol, she is so sex-ually repressed that she won't ually repressed that she won't have a dog for a pet because "she had never liked the way that they paraded their leath-ery genitals." Carol and Dan's

Her new working organ frees Carol from her passive fate — in fact, she develops a

marriage is so routine that "they hardly had time to nauseate each other."

feminist sensibility. Self's gen-derbending does not stop at Carol, it extends even to the details of minor characters, such as a man in a tight T-shirt who "rippled his pecs, as if he were about to start breast feeding [Carol] with testosterone."

Bull Pussy

As delightful as Cock is, to my mind it is but an appetizer for the heartier comic nourishments of Bull, A Farce. Bull, a big-boned, rug-by-playing type of guy, discovers his new vagina tucked away behind his knee. The new apparatus brings with it a nascent sensitivity to — for lack of a better term — a a hascent sensitivity to—for lack of a better term — a woman's needs. In Self's words, "Bull taught himself rapidly that what his clitoris required was not a staccato pressing — like an ulcerated

la's secrets. It gives nothing away, however, to note that Self is a meticulous and greatly gifted humorist. Self recognizes the significance of inserting a vagina in the likes of Bull.

macho edge that most of us would consider excessive. To reveal more would be to be-tray this wicked little novel-la's secrets. It gives nothing



middle manager banging on a

middle manager banging on a lift-call button—but a teasing, suggesting stroke." He experiences getting fucked by the first man who discovers his secret orifice, his doctor. It is a pleasure more straight men might profit by.

Self himself recognizes the significance of inserting a vagina in the likes of Bull, and not "some almost-Iron John; some acquaintance of Dorothy longing to become a friend." By novella's end, when Bull is embraced by the buddies on his rugger team, buddies on his rugger team, "enfolded once more by the smegmatic closeness of male

camaraderie, he felt ghastly and fraudulent." He is struck for the first time by the limi-tations of the boys' single-minded pursuit of one partic-ular type of lay. In Will Self's deft hands, the most unlikely of candidates has achieved of candidates has achieved the enlightenment of pansex-

Editor's Note: Author Will Self will be appearing in per-son at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25. For information call (510)



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Buffalo Gals

Boots of Leather, Slippers of Gold by Elizabeth Lapovsky and Madeline D. Davis; Routledge, \$29.95

by Noreen C. Barnes

pers of Gold is the history of a community dense with detail. Elizabeth Lapovsky Kennedy and Madeline D. Davis conducted exhaustive research for over 14 years, and theirs is a labor of love focusing on Buffalo's working-class lesbians and the bar culture of the 1940s and '50s.

ing-class lesbians and the bar culture of the 1940s and '50s. The authors' purpose is to "explore how the culture of resistance that developed in working-class, lesbian bars and house parties contributed to shaping twentieth-century gay and lesbian consciousness and politics." Relying primarily upon oral histories, Kennedy and Davis describe their methodology as "ethnotheir methodology as "ethno-history" — a blend of ethnog-raphy's "intensive study of

raphy's "intensive study of the culture and identity of a single community" with history's "analysis of the forces that shaped how that community changed over time."

The study of the working class is crucial, as wealthy lesbians had little contact with other women, and middleclass lesbians maintained invisibility to protect their jobs and families. Thus it was the and families. Thus it was the working-class women who

"pioneered ways of socializing together and creating inti-mate sexual relationships without losing the ability to earn a living."

Strong Women

Kennedy and Davis regard these women as "strong and forceful participants in the growth of gay and lesbian consciousness and pride, and necessary predecessors of the gay and lesbian liberation movements that emerged in the late 1960s."

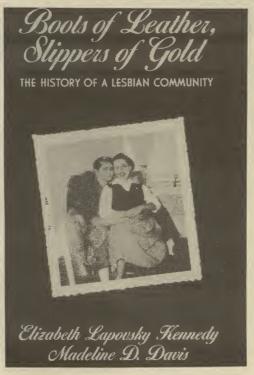
The community was most-ly white, with some mixing with African-American lesbians, as well as other minority women. There were some significant class distinctions in the patronage of the various bars that existed in Buffalo from the Second World War to the early 1960s. The bar, as the center of gay and lesbian communities during this period, served not only as the place in which lesbians could go to socialize, but became "a crucible for politics."

Butch-Fem

The authors consider butch-fem roles as "the key structure for organizing



Authors Elizabeth Lapovsky Kennedy and Madeline D. Davis — in town to read from their work.



In public, the butch-fem couple's presence made the meaning of lesbianism explicit.

against heterosexual dominance" and the "central prepolitical form of resistance." In the course of their work, they discovered that "in reclaiming the history of a working-class, butch-fem lesbian community, we were not simply challenge. we were not simply challeng-ing the homophobic assump-tions and stereotypes of the dominant society, but also the political ideas about lesbians' and women's sexuality held by many feminists and lesbian feminists."

"The salience and tenacity of butch-fem roles in the pre-

1970s public lesbian commu

nity derives from their fund inity derives from their func-tioning as both a powerful personal code of behavior and as an organizing principle for community life." This culture may have reflected, but it also transformed, the gender systransformed, the genuer system of the patriarchy. In the '40s in particular, "the contrast within the butch-fem couple was part of the community's aesthetic sensibility." In public, the butch-fem "couple's presence made the meaning of lephonium explication. meaning of lesbianism explic-it."

Kennedy and Davis look at all aspects of lesbian life: the concept of "ki-ki" (the "nei-ther-nors" who "disrupted the butch-fem social order"); bar raids and police harassment of butches for wearing men's clothes; the ways lesbians dis-cussed and learned sexual practices amidst the excesses of alcoholism, violence and casual sex; the gradual racial casual sex; the gradual racial integration in the bars; the "daisy chain gangs" of sexual indulgence to serial monogamy (the lesbian community's "alternate system of emotional bonding with its own logic and rules"); butch camaraderie and fem compet-itiveness; and problems faced by lesbian mothers and elder-

Sex and Violence

The 1950s in particular were marked by violence, women fighting each other in the bars or defending themselves against attacks by straight men on the streets. Alcoholism and economic instability fueled domestic violence that the streets are the streets. stability fueled domestic vio-lence that often became pub-lic, a painful but important admission for many to make. Lesbians increasingly inte-grated with prostitutes into what Kennedy and Davis call a "complex sexual subcul-ture," as butches manipulated money from straight men in a number of ways, and many fems supported themselves by turning tricks.

As lesbians became in-creasingly visible and public, refusing to lead double lives, survival tactics became im-portant. Davis and Kennedy review economics, race, class, and the evolving hierarchy of the lesbian community in the

context of the critical need for protection.

The authors realize that "the main drawback to researching a community where we carried on our social lives was that we could not make a clear separation between work and personal life, placing tremendous demands on our moral character to meet high ethical standards for re-

high ethical standards for re-search." Thus, throughout the process, they took great care in protecting identities, mak-ing women comfortable, and treating "each oral history as a historical document."

They note that lesbians who are writers, artists, or up-per-class "are likely to leave creative work, diaries, letters or memoirs for posterity, while ordinary lesbians usual-ly do not." Thus, they have relied upon the oral histories of women, and this thoroughof women, and this thoroughly researched and thoroughly engaging work sings with their voices. ▼

Editor's Note: The authors of Boots of Leather, Slippers of Gold will be speaking at A Different Light, 489 Castro Street, on Friday, May 21 at 7.30 p.m. On Saturday, May 22, they will be speaking at Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia Street, at 7.30 p.m.



Deena Jones will be leading the singing for the Tenth Annual Candlelight Vigil in memory of those lost to AIDS. The procession begins at 8 p.m., Sunday, May 30. Bring a candle, hope, and memories to share in silence.

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More Tips for Culture Vultures

by Roberto Friedman

ust flew in from New York, and boy are my arms tired. So is my brain, after grappling with the Beuys show at the Modern, contemporary German photography at the new Guggenheim branch in Soho, and four floors of socially conscious art and textheavy installations at this year's model of the Whitney Biennial. Was I ever happy to return to San Francisco, where the main street is pretty with wild palms, the boys all want to be pin-ups, and the art is so much less demanding

You'll excuse my wise-acre mood, I've read one too many punch-lines from the "Joke" paintings in the Richard Prince show now hanging at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. There really has been a mad recap of the boom-boom '80s in our muse-ums this year: first the Koons show, then Cindy Sherman at the Ansel Adams Center, now the big Prince exhibition. Fortunately I can report on some forward movement as well: a whole new crop of talents represented in the San Francisco Art Institute MFA show, which filled the Herbst Pavilion at Fort Mason but

which came down this past Sunday; and a collaborative installation/performance piece at Capp Street Project which combines dance, theatre and visuals. Let me take this motley assortment of current art events one at a time.

Richard Prince SF Museum of Modern Art, 401 Van Ness, through July 25 (415) 252-4000

A trailblazer of the appropriation of media images as an art form, Richard Prince began practicing "rephotography" of magazine advertisements and product logos in the "70s. His work moves a step beyond Pop Art in its relative lack of mediat. tween its source — the mercial image — and its presentation in the art arena. Prince is interested in the ways our sexual personae are sold to us from Madison Av-

sold to us from Madison Avenue. Thus, his groupings of sunglassed cosmetic beauties, or the famous cowboys series (re-presentations of Marlboro ads) speak for themselves.

From my gay perspective, I was struck by how much of the media which Prince mines, the repository of our most powerful cultural im-

Richard Prince's Untitled, from the current exhibit at SFMOMA

agery, resonates with the obsessions of straight, male teenage America: the *Play*boy bunny logo (here overlaid with a death's head), a gearhead fascination with muscle cars and trucks, and portraits of biker chicks and heavy metal bands. This orientation is steadfastly maintained throughout the artist's later exploration of jokes and New Yorker cartoons, which are either directly silkscreened on canvas or painted over, as palimpsests, in his latest "white paintings." One example will suffice, the text for The Wrong Joke (1987):

A traveling salesman's car broke down one evening on a lonely road and he asked at the only farm house in sight. "Can you put me up for the night?" "I reckon I can," said the farmer. "But you'll have to share the room with my young son." "How about that!" gasped the salesman. "Tm in the wrong joke."

You may well feel

You may well feel, strolling through the Richard Prince show in SFMOMA's obsolete galleries, as if you've wound up in the wrong joke, too.

Family Images The Gallery at University High School 3065 Jackson, through May 21 (Open during school hours) (415) 346-8400

I saw Sarah J. Wells' series of photographs, "Home makers" at the aforementioned MFA Graduate Thesis Exhibition from S.F.A.I. Wells' color prints, portraits of lesbians and gay men in domestic situations, are lovely, gentle pictures of gay families.

The photos, which include Wells and her lover at home, are an eloquent rejoinder to right-wing hatemongers who would portray us as in some way antithetical to "family values." In an art context, Wells' work is a pointed response to last year's big photography show at the NY Modern, "Terrors of Domestic Pleasure," which was roundly criticized for lacking any images of gays in its survey of domestic scenes.

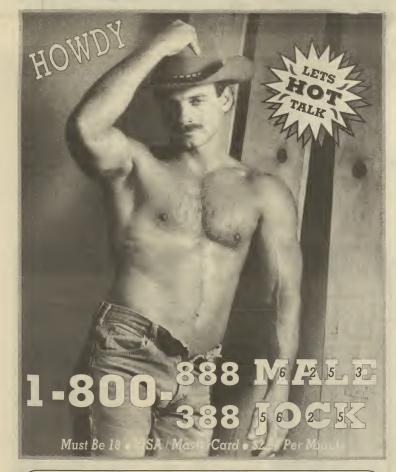
roundly criticized for lacking any images of gays in its survey of domestic scenes. The MFA show has closed, but images from "Home makers" are included in the "Family Images" show still on view in the gallery at University High School. It is a particular

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Avenue.

pleasure to me that these photos are on display at a high school, and as part of a theme on families. It's all part of what the odious Jesse Helms rightly calls "the homosexual agenda" — of tolerance, alternatives and inclusion.

Cho-Mu Reiko Goto and Joanna Haigood Capp Street Project 270 14th Street, through June 26 (415) 626-7747

For sheer loveliness of aesthetic endeavor, this collaborative installation/performance piece created by Capp St. Project artists-in-residence Reiko Goto and Joanna Haigood, and performed by ZAC-CHO Dance Theater, takes the cake. Goto has lined the walls of the cavernous space with bundles of man-sized anise stalks, so that a licorice aroma is the first thing you notice upon entering. Next you see the large screened-off greenhouse in the center of the space, rising two stories to the roof, filled with glass jars of flowering plants. This is one of the performance spaces for the dance choreographed by Haigood and set to music by Lauren Weinger, which takes its inspiration from the life cycle of the butterfly. Cho-Mu translates from the Japanese as "butterfly dreams." The performances take place some afternoons and some evenings; those days without full performances feature solo excepts from the dance. There is no admission fee, but call ahead to find out the schedule.



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Richard Prince's cowboy print

Sports

Sports Festival'93

Dianne Aaronson

et ready for the second annual gay/lesbian Sports Festival to be held at various locations throughout the city and the South Bay during Memorial Day Weekend. Members of Team San Francisco like to view this weekend as a kick-off to Gay Games IV. The countdown starts now so get serious. It's only a year away.

Anyone toying with the possibility of participating in the NY '94 Games can take one step toward that goal by either competing in or lending audience support to the many events that will take place over this weekend.

The Sports Festival will begin Friday, May 28 at 7 p.m., with registration at The Eagle, 398 12th Street. This will be a joint check-in/reception with athletes from the Gay Tennis Federation, which is holding its 13th Annual U.S. Gay Open this same weekend. Athletes from all over the Bay Area, New York, Los Angeles, Portland, Honolulu, and Philadelphia will be competing in the various events that make up the Sports Festival.

The countdown to Gay Games IV starts now so get serious.

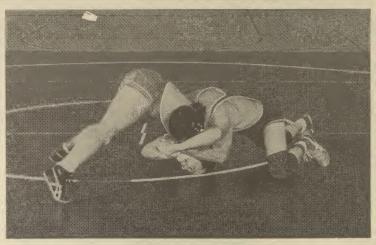
There are a lot of firsts this year: There will be six women's wrestling bouts during the weekend (next year will be the first time the Gay Games will offer women's wrestling as one of the events.) All of the women are in their first year of the sport, but Gene Dermody of Team SF and the wrestling team says they are quite impressive.

This will also be the first time ever that boxing will

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This will also be the first time ever that boxing will have a Gay Golden Gloves. This year Physique '93 moved up its traditional contest date from June to May 29, in order that it, too, can be part of the Festival.

The South Bay Volleyball League will be hosting the 11th Annual North American Gay Volleyball Championships in cooperation the Team SF Sports Festival. Playing sites include San Jose State University, West Valley College in Saratoga and De Anza College in Cupertino. This will be the first time since 1987 that the North American Gay Volleyball Association (NAGVA) will have their championships on the West Coast. Registration for (Continued on page 50)



Collegiate wrestling, one of the featured events of Sports Fest '93

Pool

Playoffs Loom

by Lauren Ward

he S. F. Pool Association's 30th season is drawing to a close with this week's matches determining the final

matches determining the final playoff seeding.
Division IV is this season's precedent setter—they'll send at least six teams to the playoffs, and seventh place Cafe Break can still sneak in with a strong showing vs. Cocktail Pits this week. Tien Fu Lishness pulled away from the rest of the league in recent weeks for a 14 game cushion as the top playoff seed and have four players among the (Continued on page 50)

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WOMEN

Multi-ethnic GF, 22, 5'7', 160, seeks similar for companionship. Interests: Lit., dance, revolution, erotic indulgence. EXT 6275.

MEN

GLM, 32, 155, 5'10', goodlooking, humorous, creative, healthy HIVpos, fun seeks fun men for sexual exploration. Possible LTR. EXT 6316.

Gym-going GWM into tits, JO, FrP/GrA if you get me hot enough! Give me a call. EXT 6318.

28yo GWM, slim and attractive, 145, 5'10' seeks descreet sexual rendezvous with 25yo to 38yo slim, attractive man. HIVneg, Tri Valley area. EXT 6319.

I walk in your house and find you sleeping naked on the bed. I grease you up and fuck you real good. EXT 6320.

Butch but fuckable young cop seeks tops for phone sessions. Buns need a good beating. Hung and Cock hungry. EXT 6312.

Friend to shy to advertise, wants body builder 20-30. He is late 40's, a lot to offer. EXT 6322.

Handsome, sexy, straight WM, great body, wants very passive or fem GM to sexually service me.1st time. EXT 6323.

Small, boyishly handsome and like being fucked 71'm30,5"9'1160lbs and considered XXX hot.Young, short,thin. WM/LM boys do the trick for me. EXT 6324.

Reform school, prison-style butt whipping for tough guys who need to be taken down a peg. EXT 6325.

GWM, st act, st apear sks same al Amer. type for friendship. Prefer 510 or 710 area codes. Not into scene FXT 6326

Sonoma Co. carpenter, 33 bottom. Your place, my body. Use it, Stretch it. Bind me. Wknds only. B/D, S/M, prolonged. EXT 6327.

Attr., heavy, black, Berkeley male invites muscular, hairy, or cute WM to sit on my velvet tongue. I'm 41. EXT 6328.

Adv 45 yo, gdlk seeks Mr. Right. You like Jackhammer/Rawhide/freamarket, 30-48, 5'9' 6'2'. EXT 6329.

Furry bear sks 40 plus WM for sweaty fun. Prefer NS, stache, U/C. I'm 47, husky, handsome, Always horny. EXT 6330.

GWM prof, Orlando Fla. with sensual fetish, nylon and lycra tights. Enjoys dance and ballet books/photos, call EXT 3375.

Wants more than sex GBM, 33, 6ft, hairy body, 195 lbs looking for a fun and caring top. EXT 6332.

Daytime butt-fuck.Gdlkng butch bttm with hot hairless ass has pvt playroom for horny hung tops who want discreet daytime action. EXT 6333.

EBay serious 21 yo seeking someone special, 18-25, to spend quality time with. Must be caring, willing to have fun. Looks count. EXT 6334.

Your smooth your butt, my you know what. Are we a match? Let's burn through cliche and out the other side. U R gorgeous too...EXT 6335.

Hot, handsome, healthy, HIV pos, 45yr, 145lbs, 5'8' wants a smooth toppish partner for dinners, long lovemaking, LTR, ready for love. EXT 6336.

Glory hole if your into this type of sex, I offer a cleah safe set-up for a clean hung guy interested.; EXT 6337.

Playful, sexy, smart, 26 sks 18-22 with similar qualities and smooth with a touch of the moon. You prefer champagne on the hill to beers in the valley. EXT 6338.

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GWM 38, hairy, husky balding with Handlebar moustache seeks guy 20 to 30 with attractive boyish looks for a possible relationship. EXT 6340.

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Are you out there? Top GWM, tall, masc hung. looking for attn. and affection

Teddy bear dad seeks bottom son. Me: Attr GWM ,43, 280lbs. You: Attr GWM,18-35, slim. EXT 6342.

Thick hung stud, masculine, boyishly handsome, cleancut, 6'1', 165, 30 grn/brn, WM seeks cockslave with party supplies for hours of j/o and ora partying between my legs! EXT 6343.

I'm 40's, HIVneg, br/br, 220 lkng for GM 25-40. Not a bubble but I love to make love/sex and rec. Need to meet to really know me.EXT 6356.

This 50yo GWM wants to be with yngr and older GWM as well as GBM. How would you enjoy having this older male paked on video? EXT 6357.

Domnt, masc, WM, Well-blt, hung big, wants in shape, pass/submsv WM w/hairy bod, 20's-30's. EXT 6352.

Do you have muscle studs perfect body, the authority to be worshipped and the desire to see your worshipper debased? If so, please summon me and let's see if the symbiosis could be meaningful. EXT 6358.

This 50yo GWM is lkng to be tongued deep within my butthole by a GWM or GBM. I'm 7' hung, nice ass, gdlkg, balls ready for you. EXT 6359.

37yo Spanish M lkng for good sex w/ M who like to prty all night w/ lg smelly u/c dick.Older, -kinky the best.EXT 6360.

Hot musclebound GBM BB looking for hot musclebound Italian or GWM for great safe sex, Musclemen only. EXT 6370.

Hirsute, cut, GWM, HIVneg, 40's wants clean conservative master to grovel to be his dog. Smart men to 60. EXT 6371.

North Bay WM, 35, in shape, HIVneg, masculine, sober, sports minded wants honest, fun, caring relationship. EXT 6372.

Italian stud, 24 seeks jocks for oral servicing. Must be under 33, discreet, clean shaven, cocky. EXT 6373.

Asian, cute, 23yo, slender, bottom seeks 100° top GWM/GLM. Handsome, under 35 knows how to use his big tool. EXT 6374.

Hip 21yo GWM sks extremely sexy and gdlkg boys 18-30 for sex. Me: 6', 160lbs, grn/brn and very cute. You: Hot, hot, hot! Let's do it. EXT 6375.

Hip Latin male, 31, 160, gdlkg, fun, good shape, healthy Hivpos sks healthy men with big dicks for hot evening fuck sessions. Mutual I satisfaction a must. EXT 6376.

Pumped Bicepts and hung seeks same also likes hiking and the outdoors.

3 way, trim glkg couples wanted by gdlkg Asia/Latin, 36, chiseled, muscular very smooth body, versatile, fun. EXT 6378.

Victim of violence lkg for others who have been thru this not-so-nice experience. EXT 6379.

Filipino single M 27yo, N/S, N/D, HIVneg seeks WM, 27-40 w/ same traits who's caring for a relationship. EXT 6380.

Asian/Filipino sought by vintage Italian male for friendship/travel companion and more. San Jose-SF. EXT 6381.

Hung Latin Master 55, 5'11', 180lbs sks very sub. ckskr for frdship, HIV neg, San Jose area only. Your Place. EXT 6382.

Yng WM 8', Thick, cut, great ass, HIVneg, gym body, seeks ver WM/LM W/good bld, hung for hot fuck, suck session. EXT6383.

Hot masc leather clone BM sks tight Wht to pound reg. Moustache a must.

Gdlkng WM 48 sks Masc top who enjoys hot tongue bath. Ltn/Blk Most pref. EXT 6385.

I'm young, hung, slim, vers, hairy, beard 'stache and I'm lkng for real men into hot sex. Call mel EXT 6386.

New in Antioch. GWM. 39, 5'6', 160 looking for friends plus, 25-40, cowboys a plus cuz I'm one. EXT 6387.

Sadist sks masochist for perm relationship. Give your body and mind to me. Serious only! Me: 44, 6'4', 250. You: 20-35. EXT 6388.

Are you B lk, hung, short, stocky, BB type who likes 3 ways? We like to have you between us. We are cln cut mid 30's and 40's goodlking prof. Call us for safe sex. EXT 6389.

Wanted: Physically and mentally passive bottom who is prepared for total submission bu goodlooking sadistic top GVM into bondage, tits, handcuffs, hot wax, blindfolds, collar and leash, pain, mansex. Safe, sane and discreet. Can be into cuddleng, weightlifting and homelife if with the right person. HIVpos but healthy. Short and thin a plus. Novices welcome. EXT 6390.

Musc Italian, ch 47, w31, I26, hairy, hung wants gym partner and bubble butt fuck buddy. Race unimportant, masculine att a must. EXT 6391.

Upper class only please. Briton entertains classy married man. Very private, very sensual, EXT 6392.

Come grow in love. GWM Dad seeks GBM in 30's who can be loving, caring and sensitive. East Bay a plus. EXT 6393.

GWM looking for friend to do movies, beach etc. Me: in shape, goodlooking, healthy HIVpos, dominate sexually. Yor Goodlooking, short, thin is a plus. non-smoker. EXT 6394.

Do as you're told! My cock, your mouth. Maybe I'll bring a pal. 43, 6'1',I'll bring a pal. EXT 6401.

Hot , Wht, 29yo sks yng Asians, Japanese, Chinese hot dudes for fun. I'm 5'9', 170, 34w, 8'cut. If you want head/ass worship call now! EXT 6396.

GWM, 34yo, 6'3', 270lbs, Brn/Bl, John Goodman type. Lkng for GM between 28-38 yo, glkg in shape who love big men. I lkng for love. EXT 6397.

Blacks or Latinos who want head. Masc GWM, mid 40's wants to give that service. Open to other things. EXT 6398.

No talk, just action! My cock, your mouth. Weekend Partying. 43, 6'1', 165. Invite a pal. EXT 6402.

GAM, attr, appr/brain, versative/ bttm, educated. Seek friends of study, gym or more. All races. Try you won't regret. EXT 6411.

GWM, 32 wnts to meet Asian bottoms for hot action. I'm top, 5'9', 140lbs slim. Be ready for long hot sessions, be 20-35yo. Quick call back. EXT 6399.

Ritualistic midnite cock worship. J/O, dirty talk only. Chanting, substance use. Age, looks, size unimportant. One on one. My place - Oakland. EXT 6400.

Very oral guy to meet similar for weekend partying with like mind pals. 43, 6'1', 165. EXT 6403.

Hungry gdlkg GAM wants massage . Musc. or gdlkg tops. If u sk hot sex and gentleman in life, hdwk, HIVneg, ND, it's me. EXT 6412.

Latin, 45, average looking, 5'5', 200lbs, thinning hair, smoker, w/ very hot horny but that is always ready for steamy rear action. Have you ever thought of having a fuck buddy for frequent hot rear action whenever you are horny? If your 40-55 and would enjoy pounding a hot safe ass on a regular basis. South Bay area. EXT 6404.

Hot Latino, versatile in shape seeking beefy masculine Bi/GWM 25/45 to suck my big dick and eat my hot ass. Safe only. EXT 6405.

Handsome GAM, 26, 5'10', 160lbs, muscular seeks goodlooking GWM, 21 to 33 for relationship. HIVneg, in good shape. EXT 6406.

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GAM 26, 5'10', 155, prof., nice, looking for sincere, honest, friendly guys for friends. EXT 6407.

fop with small penis, any race or age, wanted to fuck this slender 40yo Italian.

Attr. GAM, 35yo, 6'2', 198lbs, prof, bttm, both mature and decent, HIVneg, fit, ND/STD/old, all races, your place. Rush. EXT 6409.

Let's rub boners. I want to stick my dick inside your shorts. Let's bounce and squeeze our dongs together from balls to swollen bulbs. I'm 40yo, 5'9', 145lbs, clnshvn, bald w/ furry chest, gdlkg, affectionate. EXT6413.

Lkng for GWM/GLM, 25-35 with long hot cocks who like to deep throat my hot throat. I'll drain your nut. No fats over 220lbs. EXT 6415.

18yo GWM seeks GWM 18-30 for relationship. ND, lite smoking ok. Financially independent a must. Date first, them maybe a LTR. EXT 6416.

GLM, 5'4', 135lbs, 36yo, bttm, very horny sks GWM for fun. Tops. EXT 6417.

Foreskin lover sks trim/thin LM/WM Your skin is loose or tight, clean or funky I'm WM, 50plus, masc, sexy. EXT 6418

All I want is a young hot stud for descreet sex. I'm 22, you are 18 or 19. I'm Bi and would like a first timer. Please call.me. Great sex for two. EXT 6420.

Rim expert wants firm, trim men to spread cheeks in my face! Hairy or smooth. I'm WM, 53, trim beard, rim seat. EXT 6419.

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Nasty skinhead top 28, clean unshaven into studs under 30 who get into verbal

Mature GAM sks other guys for cuddling, massages and more! ND, NS. I'm 5'71/2', 145, hot, horny, humorous and caring btm. EXT 6346

Hot btm, 32yo sks all hung top include black leathers. Fuck me as long as you can give me those loads. EXT 6347

Beefy WM, 6', 195lbs, brn/grn seeks masc hung WM woh is intelligent, humorous, loving for hot times. EXT6348.

GWM 40's, HIVneg, br/br, 220,loves sex looking for same in 30's for friendship/relationship to share life with. I'm not a bubble but just a small spare tire. EXT 6349.

Hot WM, gym bod, hung big, has hur tongue for well blt, beefy WM v tight, aggrsv bubble butt. EXT 6350

This 50yo GWM is lkgn for hot weekends. I want to be totally naked with other GBM/GLM/GWM for all night sessions. 25-50. EXT 6354.

BM, 35yo, 6'1', gdlkg, wants BM, 18-45yo. I can take 10' of manhood. No gag, I guarantee you'll be amazed. Deep throat. EXT 6355.

I want you to sit on my face so I car tongue-fuck your big hairy bubble butt. You: well-blt WM, 20-30's, hairy. ME-Hot, hung big, well-blt, hungry tongue EXT 6351.

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Inshaven
to verbal Well-bit WM needs other in shape WM'
344. to spread their big hairy buns on hi
hungry tongue. EXT 6353.

Italn, 5'8', 125lbs, gdlkg, in shape, mid-30's, hung, deep throat, tight ass, wants long sessions w/one or more. EXT 6361.

Daddy, this 50yo GWM is horny. I want to lay on a table Daddy, nude and I want to open my legs and I want to wrap them around your waistline. Lkng for GWM/GBM Daddies. EXT 6362.

I'm 40's, 5'6's, grey hair, HIVneg, good, humorous, love making love and spending time with someone who enjoys life. I'm not a bubble but have small spare tire. Look beneath the skin to find the true person. EXT 8363.

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This 50yo cln shaven, nice 7' cock, gdlkg balls, healthy as well. I am lkng for a tongue in my hole. 20-30. EXT 6364.

Lake Merrit - East Bay BM, 5'9', 167, clean cut, good shape, seeks 25-30, big, black body builder bottom with a big cat bubble butt for sexual pleasure. I'll treat you right. EXT 6345.

4 real BB only: If I've cleaned yr workout shoes A-ok, maybe you'll let me cont 2 show my resp & admir 4 U. 4 what it's taken 2 make u the living sculpture U R. I'm 5'9', 165lbs of Ger-Irsh intensity, work out 6 days at serious gym. EXT 6366.

Olympic game 1994 in 69 position. (Register early). Require your good temperment and body form. EXT 6367.

Your hungry mouth & talented tongue wanted for my big/thick/cut dick & nice asshole; me: Attrac GWM, 40yo, 5'9', 150lbs, HIVneg;you: In shape any age/race, hot & HIVneg. EXT 6368.

Cute , passive, GLM, 27yo, 5'11', 160lbs, seeks top/dominate GM, any race/age not important for weekend fuck. EXT 6369.

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I'm 40's, br hair/eyes, 5'8', 210. fun lovin', neat, HIVneg, Down to earth guy looking for some. Open minded, would like to seet same 20-40 GW/GL/GM. EXT 6422.

GWM, 46, 5'9', Br/Bl, HIV neg, non smkr, non drnkr. Mouth waters for hot cock, tits, asshole, Needs GW or GLM looking for same You.30-45, HIV neg, in descent shape, possible relationship, Must enjoy snuggly evenings at home and going to parks an sunny days. EXT 6423.

Top slim attractive 26yo GLM seeks GWM couples, 24-35yo for 3-ways. No fat, fem or drugs. EXT 6424.

If you are muscular, hung, under 40 plus, need total oral service and tight ass on weekends from extrahandsome SWM, 30's, call for great results. EXT 64.25

Wanted: Horny, hung fuckbuddy, top, any race, 30-50 for WM, 37, 6'2', 220. HIV neg a must intelligence A plus. EXT

GWM, 37, 5'10', 135lbs, Sraight acting, workout 3X wk seeks GWM 30-40, BB for friendship fun times and ? EXT 6428.

Tennis freak needs B level partners. Will give G/P, F/A service in exchange . Me: GWM, GT shape, 53yo, 5'7', 150. EXT

Mature, very masc, dominate WM, 6', 210, facial/bodyhair, balding seeks submissive boy, 21 plus, any race. HIV neg. EXT 6435.

BGM, 27, 185lbs, talented cocksucker for hunky hot Latinos only. Want good oral service? Call me. EXT 6436. Gay/Bi couples: I want to watch and /or participate. I 'm WM, 30 attractive, slim

Sexy bearded 40yo WM cocksucker seeks masc attractive S.F, in shape WM, 35-45, 7'plus, for long slow suck sessions. EXT 6439.

Marin/Sonoma County! Slim, smooth, cut guy, 18-30 wanted. I'm 30 and all of the above. EXT 6441.

reminine Black man, any age who likes to wear lingerie and play with a GWM, 46, call: EXT 6444.

Cut WM seeks u/c guys. Hispanic, White or Black for erotic play, EXT 6445. We like tattoes and genital or nipple piercings. If you are 20-35 GWM in good shape, goodlooking and horny, call a hot blonde couple in mid 30's. Sincere please, EXT 6446.

Chinese M 28 ,novice btm, shy discreet not into gay scene, looking for masc straight or Bi Male Asians for frlends or more. Discreet a plus. EXT 6447.

Sadistic but sane wrestler wants same into no holds barred mat fights. strong, muscular, hairy leatherman seeks brutal punishing bouts. EXT 6448.

I love big, massive guys. (Bears, BB a plus). I'm 33yo, tall, slim, full beard, uncut 9', vers and ready for your game. Call me for a hot time. EXT 6449.

Itln ex-football jock seeks expert oral servicing on reg basis. Castro location All replies considered. EXT 6451.

Smooth bubble butt needed for playful plowing., 2 goodlooking, in shape hot guys need a similar cooperative GWM 20-30yo. Mutual satifaction a must. EXT 6452.

Macho flattop blonde w/ police shield tattoes 5'9', 145lbs, Handlebar stache into uniforms, leather, uninhibited safe sex. HIV neg top or bottom. Looking for similar studs any age, No speeders please EXT 6453.

Masc, trim Asian, 45, 5'9', seeks cln-shvn, gym toned, smooth, slender or musc WM for casual or intense rithishp.

Tie you up, ride your butt, pump your face. Glkg musc Latin/Hawaiian BB makes attr guys cum helplessly!EXT 6456.

GBM. 31 seeks workout partner and friend Just joined World's Gym in Burlingame. You: experienced or beginner like me. Let's be workout buddies. EXT 6457.

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S Bay mature BiWM, sex(y) buddies age/color/dicksize for safe tough, h kiss, suck, lick, mass. Be HIV neg, I N/D, cln shaven, discreet. EXT 6466.

This GLM, 43yo, 5'9', 150lbs, hndsm seeks beefy top GWM, masc, hung. Looking for good sex and possible relationship. EXT 6468.

Gdlkng GWM, 45, HIVneg sks masc BB top, 21-35 for fun and poss relationship. no drugs. EXT 6469.

Gdlkng masc WM, 33, wants to meet WM under 40 with deep voice, strong hands and great smile for relationship, Nonsmokers/HIVneg. EXT 6470.

Ass massage, lite spank. Me: attrac GWM 43, 280lbs. You: attrac, GWM, 21-35 with nice buns. Call now! EXT 6471.

Hung Black Eastbay top, 40yo seeks BB btms for hot quickies. Experienced serious btms only please. EXT 6472.

Professionals - 3pc suited execs under 35. Service at your desk by diligent worker. EXT6473.

Foot and cock service for sexy sandled greying men 35 plus by 24yo attr BL/BL. EXT 6474.

Is there a black man out there, b hunky who likes to suck a longhaired guys goodsized dick? EXT 6467.

pring Fever!

2 hot studs sk vanilla fun with hot horny GWM to 35yo. You be: Gdlkg, gym toned, cleancut, flexible, attitude/ action.EXT 6462.

Hot Itin cumfreak and asseater sks heavy loaded, horny men for reg sessions. Serious. Call for description. EXT 6463

Does your 'huge' thk cock need a perfect fit? Hndsm GLM vers, 5'9;150, 33, dark hair, mous, smooth tight body, 7' uc. exclnt cksking mouth and hot tight ass for plowing. Try them both and decide. Serious only, 3 ways, groups and models encouraged. EXT 6464.

multiple orgasms, short hair, mustiple orgasms, short hair, moustaches, foreskins, red hair, maturity . Combination of any or all the above desired. 145, 37, BI/BL, 5'8', 6'dick, vacuum mouth and ass. EXT 6465.

Wanted: Blue collar fuck buddy. Me: GBM, 45, 200, HINVneg. EXT 6478.

nk my ass, finger my butthole. Me: GWM 40yo, 5'9', 150, HIVneg. Dominant and sensitive, attr and leg. EXT 9466.

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Mature submissive Whippet Rottweiler, any age/condition for canine carousing. Bone to chew? GRR... EXT 6480.

Slave wanted . GWM totally submissive, smooth body to satisfy this master. no drugs. EXT6481.

Wanted: Long thick u/c dick any age/race for weekend partying by 6'3', 42yo GWM. EXT 6482.

Confucius said he who kisses ass gets shit on. He just didn't realize how much fun it can be. EXT 6483.

l love a guy who is honest, a good sense of humor and a passion for life. All interested reply. EXT 6484.

GWM, 5'11', 170lbs, It 40's, Br/ Gr, healthy HIVpos. Affectionate and always homy. Like quiet getaways, good food, home life, travel and an occassional dirty movie. Open to suggestion. Sex buddy, LTR, etc. EXT 6485.

Very attractive Puerto Rican top looking for white bottoms. Must be between 28-40 and attractive. EXT 6486.

GWM 25, 170lbs, straight acting, wants a real man 20-30. Good looks, no fairies Slim punker types preferred. EXT 6487.

Hot body! GAM, 28, 5'10', handsome, into BB seeks guy who is approximately the same. Friends/more. EXT 6488

Beefy, masc, musc WM with musc legs, big musc bubble butt sks beefy, musc, masc guy. Tongue fuck my butt. EXT 6489.

You: White, masc, in shape, under 35, sucks, gets fucked. Me: Hispanic, 30yo good shape. 7'. Uncut, masc. EXT 6491.

Would like to meet an open minded fun caring person that sex is not everything but part of life for time together. Pos findshp or ritinsp. I'm 40's Br/Br, 220, HIVneg, a neat person. EXT 6492.

Dildo buddy wanted by Blk top for suck, fuck and dildo play. EXT 6493

big head looking to power fuck muscular bubble butt. EXT 6495.

This 50yo GWM HIVneg extremely homy lkng for Black male to suck my 7' cock, suck my balls. Lite to hard spanking's FF me then slowly fuck my tight little ass slow. 8' plus. My place in Marin Co. EXT 6496.

Already have a great LTR, what I want is passionate, sensual S. long term fuck buddy. Me: GWM, 35, prof, bearded, chubby daddy, 5'11', 250lbs, HIVneg, You: GAM/GLM under 5'8', slender, swimmer or gymnast type a plus. Look young, act old. Already in LTR a plus. NS/ND/HIVneg, descreet. EXT 6497.

Sling hairy ass available for training and stretching with dildos toys. Men with sling would be preferable. EXT 6498.

WG bttmwants to svc your 7plus meat. We are attr, in good shape horny. You be 21-35. Il am 31 and ready! EXT 9502.

BM, 35yo, 6' 1', gdlkg, wants BM, 18-45. I can take 10' of manhood. No gag. I guarantee you'll be amazed. Deep throat. EXT 6503.

Bowed legs of a top man turn me on. Arab Gdlkg, gr eyes seeks master to serve. EXT 6504.

Hot healthy horny oral 31yo bottom wants 21-37 man of color who is attroned, hung big. You will be glad! EXT

Clean cut, attr Marin contractor, br/b., 36, 5'7', hung ,Italian, swimmers build, HIVneg, tan into water skiing, yachts, fast cars, seeks beefy boys/men to 35 for hot times etc. Poss relationship. EXT

Bi WM married, 44, 5'11', 170lbs, attr cln shaven, slim body with a curious tight but never used seeks a well hung older top, late 50's early 60's to break me in. Condom a must. I so enjoy compatable oral sex and romantic times. Interested only in Itr. No one nighters. S.F. or East Bay only, EXT 6507.

SWM early 30's seeks straight sounding, HIVneg, same/younger for biking, hiking, travel, laughter. No fats, fems or dungeon master. EXT 6509.

GLM, very handsome, 5'10', 160, hung, bttm/vers, healthy HIVpos seeks hot men for uninhibited fuck/sucking. You should be attractive, hung, Top, fun. No vanilla please. Slightly wild a plus. EXT 6510.

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FRIDAY 21

Alix Dobkin Legendary ground-breaking dyke singer songwriter comes to town for one night. \$10. 10pm. Josie's, 16th & Market. 861-7933.

Some Like It Hot Classic drag comedy film about two jazz players on the lam from the mob, with Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon, and Marilyn Monroe. \$5. 8pm. Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 893-2300.

Against All Odds
Liss Fain, Kate Foley, Janice
Garrett and Jon Weaver each
bring group dances to this
quartet of diverse movement
expressions. \$10. 8pm. Thru
Sun. NPG, 3153 17th St.
863-9834.

One of These Days II
The Lost Episode
The gay sons of the
Honeymooners clash with
their snippy landlord, their
lesbian neighbor and her "in
the Army" ex- lover, \$10.
8pm. Thru May 30. Josie's, 16th
at Market. 861-7933.

Temple Rites
A young man's personal dilemma set in a neighborhood rec center amid LA gang wars, drugs and racism. \$25 (tonjight's opening night gala), \$10-12. 8pm. Sun. at

changed their lives. \$10-15. 8pm. Sun. at 4pm. Thru May 30. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller at Laguna. 626-5455.

Sex Is...
Documentary on the aspects of gay male sex, with interviews with several people you probably know well. Opening night benefit \$10-25. Thru May 27 (\$6.) Castro Theatre at Market. 621-6120.

Waiting For Godot
Samuel Beckett's great
absurd play about waiting for
the man upstairs, with
comics Will Durst and Tim
Wiggins. \$12-24. 8pm. Thru
May 30. Performance Works,
110 McAllister. 863-4130.

ODC Just Dancing Local favorite company performs world premieres and a section from Western Women. \$8.50-19. 8pm. Sun. 7pm. Thru May 23. Cowell Theatre. 392-4400.

Play Dead Five one-act plays about death and show biz by Daniel Curzon, Ellen George, Gavin Impett, Paul Mendoza. \$5. 8pm. Thru May 29. Bernice St. Playhouse, 21 Bernice St. (near the Eagle). 759-7720.

The Stranger Mel Clay's stage adaptation of Albert Camus' existen-tialist classic. \$10. 9pm.



48 Hour Lesbian/Gay Drive-In Scads of scandalously queer films from the vintage past, including Ben Gazarra as a military academy homo in the Strange One, plus Caged, That Tender Touch, Who Killed Teddy Bear, Liquid Sky, Myra Breckenridge, and more. \$6 per double feature, \$35 pass good for all screenings. Thru Sun. Call for times. Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St. 863-1087.

Chanticleer
Choral program includes Jan
Gilbert's Night Chants, and
the West Coast premiere of
Bernard Rands Canti D'Amor,
based on the poetry of James
Joyce. \$15-19. 8pm. Also
Sun. at 7pm. Trinity
Episcopal Church, 1668 Bush
St. 392-4400.

Robert Fripp String Quintet Stylishly stringent orches-trations from the former King Crimson collaborator. \$15. 8 & 10:30pm. Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell. 885-0750.

Laughing Wild
Christopher Durang's wild
urban comedy about
Catholics, AIDS, crystals and
a supermarket fight over a
tuna can. \$8-12. 8:30pm.
Sun. at 7pm. Thru May 23.
Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926
16th at Mission. 861-5079.

Psycho Beach Party Local production of Charles Busch's wacky surf musical. \$5-15. 11:30pm weekends. Artfull Circle Theater, 47 Waller at Laguna. 558-8172.

Falsettos
William Finn's Tony-winning
operetta/musical about a
Jewish family, gay dad, and
his lover. A must-see. \$1750. 8pm. Mats (Wed. & Sat.)
at 2pm and (Sun.) 3pm.
Curran Theatre, 445 Geary
St. (510) 762-BASS.

Gay Comedy Night
Rack up the queer laughs
with Danny Williams, Karen
Ripley and Mimi Freed . \$10.
10pm. Josie's, 16th at
Market. 861-7933.

Private Lives
Noel Coward's wickedly
witty, dry-as-a-martini
comedy of manners. \$19-31.
8pm. Sun. at 2 & 7pm. Thru
June 27. Berkeley Repertory
Theatre, 2025 Addison,
Berkeley. (510) 845-4700.

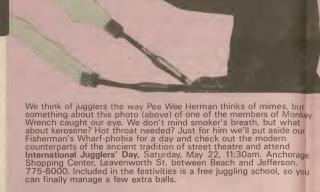
The Cabaret
New dance club "for the women lifestyle of the 90s."
DJ Lily Tran. \$6. 8pm-2am.
Also Sun. with Page Hodel.
1484 Market at 11th near
Van Ness. 621-5001.

Changing Our Minds: the Story of Dr. Evelyn Hooker Engaging fillm about the groundbreaking psychological work for gay and lesbian rights. Part of the 23rd Nat. Educational Film & Video Festival. Thru Sun. McBean Theater, Exploratorium. (510) 465-6885.

Gay & Lesbian Comedy Shan Carr, Suzy Berger & Hank Donat. MC Lisa Geduldig, \$7. 6pm. Tea Spot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo Ave. Berkeley. (510) 848-7376.

Roses Under One Roof Rayford Redell signs copies of his Rose Book, plus Rick Weeks give tips on growing. Proceeds benefit Under One Roof, Under One Roof, 2362 Market. 252-9430.

Open Mike & High Crime Rob Goldstein hosts open readings of works-in-progress (1:30pm), plus Mary Wings & Elizabeth Pincus read from their dyke mystery books (7:30pm). A Different Light, 4849 Castro. 431-0891.



Jack into your **Hard Drive**. Enjoy Mr. Cool, Euphoric, Brazilian Dance Group Fogo Na Roupe, plus sexy wild go-go dancers in a benefit for San Francisco's General Ward 86. Hot deejays will make the scene steaming, even if the fog outside is cool. \$5. Friday May 21, 9pm-2am. Club Bahia, 1600 Market St. at Franklin. 292-5299.

For more austere entertainment that's still for a cause, come to the AIDS Emergency Fund Benefit Concert. Enjoy the melodious, belting, crooning variety of vocal styles of Ruth Hastings, Val Diamond, Samantha Samuels, Weslia Whitfield, Linda Bergren and the indomitable Sharon McNight. \$25 & \$100. 8pm. Tuesday, May 25. The Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St. 885-0750.



Freshly robbed from the tombs of Mexico, see rare and ancient art at Teotihuacan, City of the Gods. This massive exhibit of the art of Mexico's ancient city, with sculptures, jewels, murals and more, is a breathtaking collection. (No, the huge creature above got to stay home.) \$4.50-7.50. Thru Oct. M.H. de Young Memorial Museum, Golden Gate Park. 863-3330.

At the other end of the art spectrum, check out some sculpture guaranteed to last a lunchtime with Kitsch Meets Art, an exhibit of Jason Mecier's (of Enrique) campy bean and noodle portrait picture clocks of Charlie's Angels, Florence Henderson, even Three's Company , (see the ever-tragic hostess Mary Richards, played by Mary Tyler Moore, above) and that dead girl from Twin Peaks, all immortalized in pasta and legumes. The Wasteland, 1660 Haight St. 863-3150. Remember, they're picture clocks too, so form does occasionally follow some function.

Just Another Manic Fundie: For a look at the Christians who got away, see Speaking in Tongues, a manic video verite view of several artists' interpretations on televangelist Gene Scott, Robert Tilton and other surreal, ultra-rich and equally flammable fundies. ATA Gallery \$5. 8:30pm. 992 Valencia St. 824-3890.

Cafe Du Nord has been putting on some rather engaging shows, with some of the best loungey talent in town. On Sunday, May 23 at 8:30pm, Kenneth Robert Dixon and the polka pop band Tzamboni come together for a bunch of performancey stuff about homo love, AIDS. HIV set to a polka? This we gotta see. \$2. Cabaret Du Nord, 2170 Market St. 861-5016.



3pm. Thru June 27. Center for African American Art and Culture, 762 Fulton St. (btwn. Webster and Laguna). 563-3519.

Why We Have a Body
Claire Chafee's contemporary comedy about gender roles, including a dyke detective and her odd relationship with a woman who thinks she's Joan of Arc when she's not robbing 7-Eleven stores. \$12-21.
8:30pm, Sun. 2pm & 7:30pm, Sun. 2pm & 7:30pm, Thru June 20.
Magic's Southside Theatre, Fort Mason Center, Bldg. D, third floor. 441-8822.

People Are Living There
South African writer Athol
Fugard's funny and poignant
study of three boarding
house residents planning a
birthday party. \$7-10. 8pm
(pay what you can on
Sundays at 2pm). Thru May
30. Central YMCA, 220
Golden Gate Ave. 885-0460.

So...You Wanna Be a Stripper? The trials and tribulations of lap dancing are humorously dramatized in Linda Serbu's show. \$7-10. 9pm (also 11pm on Fri.). Thru June 5. 1800 Square Feet, 719 Clementina. 255-8510.

Come Back to the 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean Drama about the reunion of the McCarthy, Texas "Disciples of James Dean," and how the star's presence in their small town drastically



Also Sat. Open-ended run. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater, 96 Lafayette St. (btwn. 11th & 12th). 552-

Beyond Therapy Christopher Durang's quirky farce about shrinks, lovelorn bisexuals, and nut job therapists moves to a new location. \$20. 8pm. Hotel York's Plush Room, 940 Sutter. 885-2800.

Living Letters
Musical play inspired by the
letters of students about HIV.
Proceeds benefit the Wedge
Program. \$8-10. 8pm. Thru
May 22. MCC, 150 Eureka.
882-1199.

Boots of Leather,
Slippers of Gold
Co-authors of The History of
a Lesbian Community
Elizabeth Lapowsky and
Madeline Davis read from
their new book. 7:30pm. A
Different Light, 489 Castro.
431-0891. Also Sat.,
7:30pm, at Modern Times
Bookstore, 888 Valencia.
282-9246.

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SUNDAY 23

Club Cream
New safer sex club for women, with play environments and a dungeon, shower, sauna & towel service, and monitors. \$10.
7-10pm. Eros, 2051 Market St. 703-7160.

Resistance and Rescue
Denmark's response to the
Holocaust is shown in a new
exhibit, with black and white
photos documenting the
Jewish flight of Denmark's
Jews to Sweden. Thru Aug.
15. The Jewish Museum,
121 Stuart St. 543-8880.

Top Girls Caryl Churchill's modern drama includes historical women in a changing society going through trials and sacrifices. \$12-15. Bpm. Sun at 7pm. Thru May 30. The Pheenix Theatre, 301 8th St. at Folsom. 621-4423.

Drifting Fires
Theatre Yugen's theatrical vision, with Japanese and Balinese masks, of an otherworldly encounter with the ghost of the last woman on earth. \$8-12. 8pm. Sun. at 3pm. Thru May 29. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa at Alabama. 621-7978.

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The Importance of Being Earnest Oscar Wilde's witty comedy of manners. \$10. Wed. 8pm, Sat. 4pm, Sun. 7pm. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St. 626-5455.

The Gin Game
Pulitzer Prize-winning drama
about two seniors and the
card game that relieves their
boredom. \$12-18. 8pm. Sat.
& Sun. Also at 2pm. Thru
June 6. Berkeley City Club,
2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley
(510) 843-4822.

Paul Ellison Program of organ music by Bach, Buxtehude, Albioni, Verdi and Langlais. \$7-10. 3:30pm. Church of the Advent, 261 Fell. 431-5439.

We're Not Alone Author/psychologist Rik Isensee reads from his first novel, for lesbian and gay youth. 7:30pm. A Different Light, 489 Castro. 431-

Gay Lesbian Sierrans
New members barbeque in
Golden Gate Park at Pioneer
Cabin, across from Rose
Garden. Also, a strenuous 10
mile hike in Point Reyes.
Meet 9am at Thrifty at
Church St. 281-5666.

MONDAY 24

Bay Area Playwrights Festival 16 Benefit and announcement of festival plays. \$35-75, 7:30-9:30pm. Crown Point Press Gallery, 657 Howard St. a Hawthorne. 255-2254.

Judy Nelson
Turncoat loudmouth greedy
ex-lover of Martina Navratilova hawks her tell-all book,
which, no doubt, Rita Mae
Brown the "former lesbian"
helped her scrawl. 6:30pm. A
Different Light, 489 Castro.
431-0891.

Gay Comedy Open Mike MC Amy Boyd. Aspiring comics can call to sign up by 7pm. \$5. 8pm. Josie's, 16th & Market. 861-7933.

TUESDAY 25

What Causes
Heterosexuality?
Carolyn Dinshaw, author of
Chaucer's Sexual Politics,
discusses this curious
question from a queer
perspective. \$3-7, 7:30pm.
Modern Times Bookstore,
888 Valencia. 282-9246.

S*PeRM**K*T Readings from the literary journal, plus *Trimmings* and *Muse* & *Drudge*. \$ 4. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia. 626-ARTS.

Bottoms Up: Bar-hopping Queers of the Silver Screen Danny Mangin's severely silly critique of the cinematic (mis)representation of gay bars and their inhabitants. \$6. 8pm. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

WEDNESDAY 26

Pageant
Slickly produced yet hilarious
musical drag parody of
beauty contests. Featuring
Billy DeHerrera, Justin Bond
and others. \$19 - 34. Wed. &
Thu. at 8pm, Fri. & Sat. at 7
& 10pm, Sun. at 3 & 8pm.
Palace Theatre, Kensington
Park Hotel, 450 Post. 989SHOW.

The Minstrel Show
Donald Byrd/The Group
performs a dance media work
about racism. \$10-19. 8pm.
Sun. 2pm. Thru May 23.
Theater Artaud, 450 Florida.
621-7797.

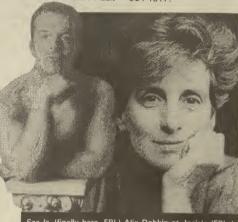
Sampler for AIDS Relief Jeff Lorber, Dave Koz and others perform while vendors sell food, a portion of which goes to Second Start Adult

THURSDAY 27

Forever Plaid Corny musical story of a dead guy group making their living dreams come true. George Bush loved this show so much, he saw it three times. \$26-35. 8pm. Sun. at 2 & 7pm. Alcazar Theatre, 650 Geary St. 922-6800.

Hurricane
Anne Galijour's multicharacter solo performance
work about a small Cajun
community. \$12-14. 8pm.
Thru June 27. Climate
Theatre, 252 9th St. 6269196.

\$.99 Queer Video Festival Homemade dyke and gayboy stuff. \$.99. The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St. at Albion. 621-1617.



Sex Is.. (finally here. FRI.) Alix Dobkin at Josie's (FRI.)

Literacy Program, plus the presentation of a check to SF AIDS Foundation from the sales of KKSF's audio sampler. 5:30pm, Jack London Square, Oakland.

Open Lesbian & Gay Reading Authors of poetry and prose, come share your work. Free. 7:30pm. Modern times Bookstore, 888 Valencia. 282-9246.

Public Hang' in Group exhibition of figurative, landscape and abstract works. Thru June 12. Aru Gallery, 736 14th St. 621-1551.

John LeFlore Paintings and drawings in watercolor, acrylics and pastel. Thru June 1. Double Rainbow, 1653 Polk St. 775-3220.

Lesbian Visual Artists Courting Your Art Market, a presentation of ideas and experiences with Lenore Chin, Laura Irene Wayne, and Lynette Molnar. \$10-25. 4:30-8pm. Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission St. (near 8th). ASL & Wheelchair Accessible. 821-2975.

Living Together Constructively with Diversity and Tolerance American Psychiatric Assoc. sponsors an open forum on issues of race, gender, discrimination and community enhancement, with Carole Migden as a guest speaker. Wed. May 26. 1-2pm. Room 300 Esplanade Level, Moscone Center.

Voices of Pride Gay, lesbian, bisexual and questioning youth support group in Oakland. 23 and under. Dropin counseling 3-5pm, Tuesdays. Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. (510) 530-8529.

Lift the Military Ban! Call the ACLU's telegram line to send the queer-positive message to senators and congress. \$6.75. 1-800-879-2262.

BAHSES Bay Area HIV Support & Education offers free services to gay & bisexual men with HIV, including multiracial and African-American support groups. 749-6714.

Stop AIDS Project Couples Meeting Group discussions of HIV, intimacy, safer sex. 621-7177.

Respite Care Services Visiting Nurses and Hospice offers 250 hours of care services with Ryan White funding. 861-6959, ext. 554.

EACH Early Advocacy & Care for HIV Treatment info, peer counseling and emotional support, referrals. 403-3800.

Santa Rosa Gay & Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics Twelve-step group meets weekly each Friday, 8-9:30pm. Meeting Room, Santa Rosa YMCA, 1111 College Ave. (707) 833-6018.

Sex-perts Needed GAPA Community HIV Project seeks 20 new volunteers for educational outreach to gay Asian and Pacific Islander men. 575-3939.

Bereavement Support Groups Eight-week sessions, open to all who have lost someone to AIDS. St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center, 450 Stanyan. 750-5718.

BACORR Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights needs help defending women's health clinics from rabid fundies. 7:30am every Sat. at Pregnancy Consultation Center, Octavia & Bush sts. 541-5690.

This Week's Dinner Specials

Cajun Red Snapper with red chile buerre blanc, served on a bed of roasted red & green peppers with green onion rice9.75



Herb Roasted Chicken stuffed with italian sausage, spinach, mushrooms & leeks, served with creamy polenta 8.75

Sauteed Baby Clams & Calamari with linguini, garlic, tomatoes, basil & white

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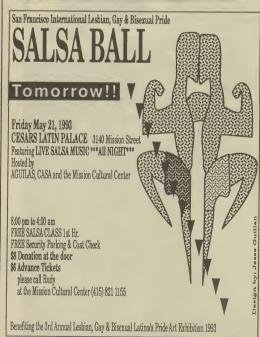
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Mr. Marcus



COWBOYS in heels just before the High Heel Race starting at The Edge on Sunday, May 8. Maybe there's a Miss Moo Queen candidate in this bunch? (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

Ropin', Ridin', and Rompin' At the Rodeo in a Palace

hat would a rodeo in a palace be (even if it is a cowpalace) without a queen? Expect to see the town overrun with cowboy hats, those tight-fittin' jeans, and hunky riders and spectators all this weekend as the Bay Area Chapter of the Golden State Rodeo Association hosts the '93 Bay Area Regional Rodeo with action galore, mostly at the Cow Palace.

To answer the opening question, a horde of people are entering the Miss Moo Queen Contest as an added attraction to the rodeo weekend, which expects some 5,000 ticket buyers (available through BASS, TM, Wherehouse, Tower Records and the box office at the Cow Palace).

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the box office at the Cow Palace).
Since officials at the Cow Palace prohibit the use of the word "cow," it will be Miss Moo. With the cooperation of royal courts all around, contestants will all be princesses when they compete at the Rawhide II tonight, Thursday, May 20 at 2000. The winner will be coronated as the Moo Queen on Friday night, May Queen on Friday night, May

will be coronated as the Moo Queen on Friday night, May 21 at 2000. You can still enter the competition by calling (415) 985-5200, but hurry girl! This year's rodeo also boasts the largest floor for entertainment and dancing; there'll also be a country/western dance competition and Carnival West, a

fund-raising midway with retail booths and food and beverage concessionaires to benefit AIDS organizations. Over \$25,000 in cash purses and prizes will be awarded to rodeo participants, and Mayor Jordan has proclaimed Mayor Jordan has proclaimed May 17-23 as Rodeo Week in San Francisco. At 1100 Satur-day morning, May 22, the ac-tual rodeo gets underway day morning, May 22, the actual rodeo gets underway with Navyman Keith Meinhold (the grand marshal), entering at 1130; on Sunday, the gates open again at 1100 for more bull riding, bareback bronc riding, team roping and barrel racing. Prices: \$10 for Friday evening; \$15 per day on Saturday and Sunday for box seats and \$12 per day for dress circle seats. After this event, the place will be renamed the Cruise Palace. * *

Ah, the leather/SM lifestyle. Ups and downs, highs and lows, and still we highs and lows, and still we carry on with pride and a jaunty attitude. Your leather title-holders are still sources of pride and inspiration. Last weekend's 15 Association play party netted almost \$400 for the AIDS Emergency Fund; a few hundred more at Grant Dupont's tattoo party at Headquarters last Thursday night; while over at the Jackhammer for Mr. SF Leather Greg Byfield's birthday party, add \$400 more from bar proceeds. Leather Daddy Irwin Kane gave Greg

33 whacks and another handsome buffet for the occasion.
Ms. SF Leather Queen

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Joel McClanahan is Mr. Seat tle Leather and represents that city's great leather com-munty at IML later this month. (Photo: Roz Vecchio)



Competing for the second time at IML, Intl. Mr Leather Europe Anton J. Steigenberger will also be married on July 3 here in San Francisco at the SF-Eagle. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

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Cougar's Sadomasochistic Party at Pleasuredome netted some \$800 for the designated beneficiaries!

The Washington, D.C. people (Frank Nowicki, Jose Ucles and David Schauer) distributed some \$4000 from the proceeds of the Dungeon Dance on Saturday night before the March (\$2000 to Brother Help Thyself; \$1500 to the Leather/SM Conference; \$500 to Whitman-Walker Clinic). er Clinic).

Mister S closed its leather store in the Castro last week, but if all goes well, they'll be moving the entire operation this fall to a location in the 1200 block of Folsom. Part II of the Mister S catalog made its appearance this week too, its appearance this week too, quite possibly the world's largest leather catalog. In two volumes, it features some 889 photographs in 160 pages chock-full of everything you ever wanted/needed in the way of leather/SM/bondage equipment and leather gear. Models are inundating Richard Hunter to be included in the next edition, but Richard says it will be a long time before he does it again!



Kevin Drewery Southeast Leather from No. Carolina and will compete for the IML title later this month

At \$15 a pop, the Mister S catalog is a collector's item in itself, and need I say, quite a

bargain?
Apparently because I report the complaints/accolades about any given subject or group, there's bound to be some confusion in some peo-

Affairs to Remember

ple's minds. If I've said it once, I've said it a thousand times: I only report the news. For example, my recent reporting on the group of New Yorkers who have formed their own uniform organization. their own uniform organiza-tion because of their dissatis-faction with the stringent rules of the American Uni-form Association does not in any way mean that I, Mister Marcus, am unhappy with the A.U.A. I've been told by more than one person that members of one of the gay com-puter bulletin boards in and around Portland, Oregon are wondering what I have wondering what I have against the A.U.A. Absolutely nothing. Had they bothered to nothing. Had they bothered to read my coverage correctly, they'd know that the disgrun-tled New Yorkers, not I, are the unhappy ones. I don't have any problems with the A.U.A. or any organized have any problems with the A.U.A. or any organized group, be it leather, SM, uniform, political or sexual. I only hear the complaints, but more often, the compliments, and I certainly wouldn't make up anything. So you Portland bulletin board guys need wonder no more.

Everybody's graring up

wonder no more.

Everybody's gearing up for the trek to Chicago next weekend. Besides contestants from all over the U.S. and Canada, Sweden, Germany, New Zealand, and England, a new feature for IML fans this year is the 1st Annual International Beotheck Comparition. tional Bootblack Competition.
At my deadline, almost a dozen bootblacks from around the country will be competing all over Chicago for the title.

for the title.
Each person who bought
the \$95 weekend package will
receive a ticket book; one of
the coupons entitles you to a
boot shine from any one of
the contestants. Whichever
bootblack gets the most tickets from the package holders
wins the title and will be anounced oustage at IML on

wins the title and will be announced onstage at IML on Sunday night.

Harry Shattuck of Chicago, probably the most widely renown bootblack in the probably the most widely renown bootblack in the country, put this one together. Interested contestants should report to Harry in the Seminar Room of the Congress Hotel at 1400, Friday, May 27 for registration and instructions. Are you reading this, "V.Z." of the SF-Eagle?

As reported previously too, last year at IML, establishment of the Leather Museum and Archives was announced

and Archives was announced to house leather memorabilia of all types, past and present. Items have only been trick-ling in, so they're asking you to bring whatever you can for

preservation in the space. Matchbooks, pins, artwork, drinking glasses, shot glasses — virtually anything that is memorabilia of a leather person, publication, or establishment is welcome.

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And one more thing if all goes well, the brand-spankingnew Chicago Eagle bar will be open in time for IML weekend. They're working fast and furious to get it ready, so ask about it when you arrive and register. By next week at this time, thousands of leather men and women will be living it up in Chicago for the 15th Annual International Mr. Leather contest. Hope to see you there.

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Thursday, May 20: Looking

Club Bahia's (1600 Market St.) benefit dance party for Ward 86 at SF General presents Hard Drive beginning at 2100 for only \$5, with KMEL's Alexander Mejia and Clay, Steve Tuttle and Michael Ventura. With this group, the place should sizzle! Saturday, May 22: Send-off party for all the Northern Cali-

fornia IML contestants tonight from 2000-2300 at the Eagle. Come and give your good wishesto Mr. SF Leather Greg Byfield, Mr. Headquarters Leather Jeff Matthews, Mr. Sacramento Leather John Yant, Mr. Southbay Leather Paul Maionchi and Mr. Alameda County Leather Mark McKee. Beer/soda bust for \$6, entertainment by Dyke Daddy Skeeter Wildman, and hosted by Mr. Watering Hole Leather, Richard Faust. Don't miss!

Golden State Uniform Club Cadets' Mess at Chez Mollet tonight at 1900 for \$30. Evening formal, dress uniform or Class A uniforms encouraged. Call 665-8506 or 255-2836 for more info if needed.

Sunday, May 23: L/SM

8506 or 255-2830 for inter line in needed.

Sunday, May 23: L/SM Roundup presents "Dungeons De-Mystified", a miniconference from 1500-1830 (\$10) followed by a dinner and play party in the dungeon (\$15) from 1900 on. It's \$20 for both events. You must

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Tuesday, May 25: Ten years ago, Trinty Place in the Financial District was the premiere place for downtowners, and the entertainment was unequalled anywhere in town. Tonight, relive those days with "Trinty Place Remembered by The Divas" — the divas being Linda Bergren, Val Diamond, Ruth Hastings, Sharon McNight, Samantha Samuels, Weslia Whitfield, Gail Wilson and Nicholas, Glover and Wray, all onstage tonight at 2000 at the Great American Music Hall, benefiting the AIDS Emergency Fund. General admission tickets are \$25 or \$100 for reserved/sponsor seating. Call (415) 621-6557 if you want to sponsor a table.

Wednesday, May 26: Great Buns calendar contest at the Eagle. looking for Mr. May 1994 at 1914.

Wednesday, May 20: Great Buns calendar contest at the Ea-gle, looking for Mr. May 1994 at 2130 sharp! Show your buns! Win money! Fame! ▼

Mr. Marcus

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Idol Gossip

It's official. International Mr. Leather Europe Anton "A.J." Steigenberg (formerly of Boston and Munich, Ger-many, and now of Houston) has booked the SF-Eagle patio for Saturday afternoon, July 3, where he will ex-July 3, where he will exchange marriage vows with Armand Primeaux of Houston, in what has got to be the biggest leather wedding ceremony seen around in many moons. Even the parents of the happy couple will be here!

The honeymoon suite at one of San Francisco's most elegant hotels has been

elegant hotels has been booked for the weekend; flowers have been ordered; flowers have been ordered; the invitation list includes almost every major and minor leather title-holder in the U.S., Canada and Europe, and naturally, you're all invited. Stay tuned. There are over 15 candidates for "best man" — all former "affairettes" of the happy couple. And at least three of them are from San Francisco. The ringbearers and flower boys have not been selected yet either, but I hear there are several "volunteers." 'volunteers.'

At the end of June, "A.J." will travel to Munich, where he will hand over his IML Europe title, but not until he competes for IML again this year, next weekend. A.J. didn't say if his "domestic partner"

would accompany him.

Aside from some personnel changes in certain bars around



Tony Wilging, Mr. DC-Eagle, s another contestant for the ML title in Chicago on Memorial Day weekend.
(Photo: Mr. Marcus)

town and the accompanying cacophony of "he said" and "she said" and paranoia in its most profuse manifestation, the usual hedonism prevailed all week, with tourists galore. Especially that hot leatherman from Toronto who says he got the best shoeshine and foot massage from "V.Z." at the Ea-

gle that he's ever had. Leo Brown went on a salsa record buying rampage due to complaints from Hispanic customers and plans to really rattle Terry's chains — bring your maracas to the beer bust! ▼

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Sports

Pool

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top 16 rated individuals. This Division's next four teams, Border Patrol, Cinch Spoilers, Transfer Ballbusters, and Marlena's Magic all boast better records than the other three division leaders.

Cathy Sutton's Cinch It U! turned in another quality per-formance vs. Red Bearons last week, playing the more experienced team to a tie. They seem destined to a No. 3 seeding.

The Bearons will win Division II, but their No. IV seeding and weak winning per-centage make them prime candidates for a playoff upset.

Division III fell victim to a Division IV sweep last week, a feat Division IV had accom-plished against I and II as well. International Borders and Cinchpenders are the main contenders here with the Borders likely to draw a seeding advantage which could see them make the City Championship Finals.

A proud contingent of team MVPs descended on the Cinch on Saturday, May 8 to determine this season's Cham-pion. Wally Sutherland and Lauren Ward advance to the winners bracket final, from which Wally emerged a 2-1 victor victor.

The two losers bracket trophy matches featured Rick Bradford vs. Mele DeVictoria, and Pooh Bear Davis vs. Dennis Healy. Both matches went to case game, with Pooh edg-ing Dennis and Mele shocking Bradford, this season's top-rated individual. Mele would settle for fourth place following a 2-1 defeat by Davis, who then shut out

Sports Fest

this event will be held Thursday evening, May 27, at the Crown Sterling Suites in Mil-pitas. Call Bernard (408) 275-9174 or Phil (415) 431-0801 for more information.

Allen Balderson would table tennis will be having exhibition matches. In other words, novices and professionals are invited to drop tessionals are invited to drop by the Eureka Valley Recre-ation Center to register spon-taneously for table tennis matches the day of the event.

The martial arts and wrestling competitions will rotate during the day with table tennis, so if you don't feel like moving from place to place, just pull up a chair at Eureka Recreation on Saturday, May 29 and see three different types of events for a mere \$5 admission fee.

The complete Sports Festival Schedule is as follows:

Martial Arts (525-6356), Wrestling (821-2991), Table

Tennis (626-1787), all at Eureka Valley Recreation Center, 100 Collingwood Street (near Castro & 18th), May 29 from 1 p.m.

Women's Softball (510 436-7959) Moscone/Lang Fields May 29, 30.

Boxing (Gay Golden Gloves 377-6245) Precita Valley Box-ing Club, 534 Precita & Flori-da off Army Street, May 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Physique '93 (992-7406) Lowell H.S. (Carol Channing Theater), 1101 Eucalyptus Way at Stonestown Mall, May 29 at 10:30 a.m. (prelims) and 7:00 p.m. (finals).

Half Marathon (626-1380) Olive Oils at Pier 51, China Basin (near 3rd and Mission Rock), May 30 at 7 a.m. (walk)/ 7:30 a.m. (run).

Tennis (648-2780) Gay Tennis Federation Open Volleyball (431-0801), May 28 through May 30.

Fun Run SF Front Runners (863-0954) Stow Lake, Golden Gate Park, May 29 at 9 a.m.

Athlete's Reception (282-9825) The Eagle, 12th and Harrison, May 28 at 7 p.m.
For further information, call Gene at 821-2991. ▼

Ward to earn a shot at Sutherland in the finals. It was Wally in the end, claiming his first MVP championship undefeated in match

This Saturday the league's top sixteen rated players face off in the All Star Tournament. The top four finishers get travel and lodging prizes to compete in West Coast Challenge hosted by San Diego in July. The contest is the first of an upcoming flur-ry of post-season tourna-ments. Dial (415) JOE-POOL for SFPA information.

*Up Your Alley Fair Aug, 1st, 1993 More Info 648-3247 (Dore Alley)

Sweet Lips

Cowgirl Blues

emember the 10th Annual San Francis-co AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobi-lization is Sunday, May 23 at 8 p.m., and it starts at Castro

Saddle Show at 8 p.m., so show them what you are made of. Ms. Daisy for Cowgirl. You can purchase \$1 tickets for great prizes.

Empress Phyllis wishes to thank all for the help at the fundraiser for Empress Tessie's holiday dinners, with special thanks to Emperor Rich Carle for the \$750 donation in honor of his deceased lover Emperor Patrick McGonigle.

longer there.)



The goings-on in front of the Cinch

On Sunday, May 23, from 2 til 4 p.m. The Kokpit will be having a celebration of Abigail's life with Bob Pace and Leona as hosts. Abigail was always there when need-

Have you met Little Paul with the great ponytail at the Cinch Saloon? Not bad at all. But it seems as if Gary Mc-

and Market, so please turn out for this great event. The Mr. and Ms. Cowgirl contest is now happening, and on Thursday, May 27, there's the Saddle Show at 8 p.m., so

But it seems as if Gary Mc-Gowan at the Swallow has a new friend — and so young, only 23. Maybe that's why Gary has lost so much weight and is looking great. Who gets him when you go on your long vacation, and does John Hughes know? Stern is now working day shifts at The Giraffe. They have put shoes on him and taught him to tie a necktie and not sit on the back bar. Drop by to see him. (Incidentally Billie Pearson is no longer there) The new Leticia's is now open at 2247 Market St., and they have done a beautiful job

on the place.

Remember Sunday, June
27 is the great Freedom Day
Parade, and it should bring a lot of interesting people to town for fun and who knows what else.

what else.

I had two great visitors this past week, Andy Rufty from Apopka, Florida and Jim Shoemaker from Winter Springs, Florida, and they certainly had a great time, didn't they, Ann? Bob Haynes and his friend Monte Cox were also here for a week from Seattle. I hope that you got to see them, Dingy Don.

Thank you Henri LeLeu for the things you left for me with Reba. I really do appreciate the postcards.



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Physique

weight training, nutrition, and contest preparation; written, published and disseminated published and disseminated newsletters; handled public relations; sought out advertisers; and kept a data base for the growing membership list. And because each individual on the board has been personally responsible for so much, even the loss of one individual or a decrease in the al, or a decrease in the amount of their volunteer time, has devastating effects.

Interested participants continue to keep Arcadia alive.

This year is a case in point. Due to a lack of volunteers and equipment, a professional and informative newsletter no longer exists, at least not on a regular basis. In fact, ABS members, who expect a monthly newsletter, have received only one in the last year. Hiring someone to perform this task is out of the question financially yet a reform this task is out of the question financially, yet a repeated call for volunteers has turned up nothing. The result is a membership that no longer knows whether ABS continues to exist and is reluctant to plunk down another \$15 annual membership



Marta Selvi: "I've worked out for approximately ten years and thought of competing, but the dieting scared me off. The biggest hurdle for me has been to learn to control my eating. I've learned the value of food. It's been a good experience, and it will help me stay healthy."

fee. This, in turn, leads to a continued lack of funds for services; without a newsletter, the line of communication to members is severed. Not only has this communication gap created a situation where the board seems to be less organized because of lack of funds and volunteers, it wreaks havoc on the morale of the few board members who are left.

Future Prospects

Good things still continue Good things still continue to happen, however. One is an application for a grant which, if approved, will provide partial funding for next year's Physique '94. In addition, some excellent seminars have been offered this spring, and more will be offered in the future. Programs and interested participants continue to keep Arcadia alive.

If you have ever enjoyed

to keep Arcadia alive.

If you have ever enjoyed the Physique Contest, either as a participant or a member of the audience, and wish to see it continue well into the future, you can show your support by attending Physique '93 on Saturday, May 29. The contest will be held at Lowell High School (Carol Channing Theater), 1101 Eucalyptus Way at Stonestown Mall. Prelims are at 10:30 a.m., finals 7 p.m. Advance tickets: \$\$ pre-judging; Evening competition: \$10, vance tickets: \$8 pre-judging; Evening competition: \$10, \$15, and \$25 VIP Pass (in-cludes ticket to morning pre-judging). Tickets purchased at the door are slightly higher. One dollar from each ticket will be donated to Gay Games IV, NYC '94. For addi-tional information, call (415) tional information, call (415) 978-9495.



Rodney Felix: "You're looking at someone who failed P.E. in high school. Since my first competition in 1989 I've really learned about myself. I discovered that I can do almost anything to change my body if I put my mind to it. In your my mind to it. I quit my corporate job and became a personal trainer. For the past year I've been working on starting a health and fitness center for people diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. We've just received non-profit status, and it will open comparing this year." sometime this year."
(Photo: Steve Savage)

Books

The Ideal vs. The Real

Sacred Country by Rose Tremain; Atheneum \$21

by Mary, Shaw

ranssexuals have been ranssexuals have been coolly ignored in contemporary fiction. The reticence to explore their lives might be explained as the dodging of the hyperexotic by the ignorant. In any case, acclaimed British writer Rose Tremain (Restoration; The Swimming Pool Season) begins to redress the slight in Sacred Country.

Her heroine is Mary Ward, who becomes Martin in the 30 years of the story. Standing in a snowy Suffolk field with her family during the two minutes of national silence at the death of King George VI, Mary, age 6, realizes that she is really a boy. This abrupt certainty conditions the rest of her life. What she does about it is a courageous narrative within many other related ones concerning other related ones concerning her family and acquaintances in rural England, urban Lon-don and Nashville, Tendon and nessee.

Some characters, such as Sonny, her failing, increasingly alcoholic and brutal father, are major influences. The life experiences of others parallel Mary's own, most importantly in their realizations of self and in the initiatives they take toward fulfillment.

Walter, whose butcher shop warter, whose butcher snop work is secondary to his am-bition to be a singer and writ-er of country songs, has a sur-prising affair with Gilbert, a dentist who has had no previous sexual experience. But the relationship ends cruelly with Gilbert's departure for London and a new, freer life. Walter acts on his ambition and starts toward happiness.

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Mary/Martin's mother Estelle illustrates most vividly — her mental state necessitates intermittent institutionalization and she is addicted to TV — how a limited, repressed life can irreparably damage one's spirit and personality

Age is the foremost factor informing the life patterns of Tremain's characters, with

the younger people reaching out for opportunities their time has opened for them, while the older folk awkward-ly succumb or accommodate themselves to the strictures of the past.

But it is Mary becoming Martin that most fascinates in her physical transformation and the psychological rewards she obtains thereby. Though she avoids the reconstructive surgery that would give her a

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penis, she becomes a full man in more significant ways, in-cluding experiencing the heartbreak of losing to her de-spised brother the girl she loves most dearly.

Though unexplained in any explicit way, the Sacred Country's implicit domain is that realm where an ideal of self is matched by the reality of one's own created world.





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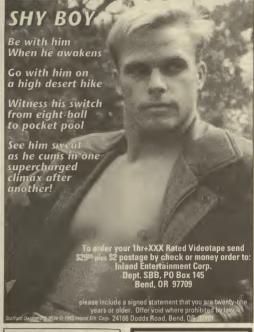
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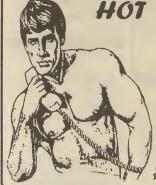
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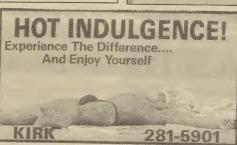
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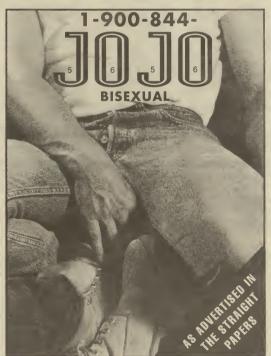
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